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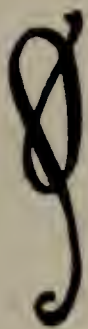
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Dedicated

*To the memory of my father, Henry Ruthrauff,
of Canton, Ohio, who gave me my first records,
and my uncle, John Ruthrauff, of Findlay,
Ohio, who inspired me to undertake the work.*

An Appreciation

Mary Catherine Ruthrauff Hoover

BY

A Man Who Married a Ruthrauff

If you or I were almost half way through the seventies; if our Golden Wedding Anniversary beckoned us, from but a few short months away; if we had a beautiful home and many, many friends; from children who love to play in that home, to septuagenarians, who still, as for almost half a century, find merriment and peace in its hospitality; if we still retained energy enough to be exceptionally active in church societies and charitable organizations; if we had wealth enough to travel whither we would, to favor our none too robust health, with cool summers, pleasant winters, and springtimes, free from excessive rains—

Would we, I wonder, write countless letters; plow through local histories of obscure counties; check reports from friendly correspondents and prod unwilling ones; delay for many months the publication of this volume, in tireless search for dates of birth and marriage and death, of individuals whose sole claim to our interest was descent from a common ancestor; undertake the wearisome detail of editing this material, overseeing the typing and printing?

Perhaps many fine Ruthrauffs would do this. Except the author, no one has, and she lost the name of Ruthrauff nearly fifty years ago.*

*Note: Only *added* another name; not lost it.

PREFACE

WHEN I first began this family genealogy it was my purpose to preserve the records my father gave me of our small branch of the Ruthrauff family and have them printed in a small pamphlet for the pleasure of my own immediate family and friends.

As I had never heard of a Ruthrauff who was not closely related to me, I naturally supposed there were no others, but I am happy to say I am finding a large family, scattered all over the world, and the task I have undertaken looms so large I almost lose courage. I am pleased to find the Ruthrauffs most delightful, cultured people, many of them holding positions of trust and responsibility. Educators, teachers, and preachers, and leaders in almost all vocations of life. Men and women of dignity, high ideals, and earnestness of purpose, splendidly living up to the wonderful heritage of our ancestry.

My work has covered a period of several years and involved the writing of many letters. Some have brought splendid success and delightful letters of appreciation and willing co-operation. Others met with indifference. The seed fallen by the wayside and bearing no fruit.

I here wish to acknowledge, with gratefulness and thanks, the splendid help, co-operation and encouragement of Mrs. Isabel Rider, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania; Miss Mary Roedel, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and Miss Didama P. Ruthrauff, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, my niece, Miss Mary Josephine Ruthrauff, of Kalamazoo,

Michigan; Mr. Edmund Secrest, of Wooster, Ohio, and Mr. Curtis Rotroff, of Hillsboro, Ohio, and others, who have so willingly co-operated with me, to make this a reliable book of reference, for the authenticity of which I was obliged to rely upon others, most of them strangers to me.

Mary Ruthrauff Hoover.

The Author.



Coat of Arms



RUDRAUFF.

Legend

A golden Sun (or charge) in Radiance, imposed upon a blue metal Field or Shield. Steel Helmet with closed visor and with Jewel and Chain, in profile view. Acanthus Leaves, or Mantling dependent from Helmet. A Crest of Horns with Golden Sun between, at top.

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INTRODUCTION

THE earliest records we have of the Ruthrauff or Rudrauff family of America, and upon which we are building this history, are two old documents, carefully preserved and handed down in the family of Samuel Ruthrauff, son of Rev. Johann, or John, and now owned by Mrs. Ignatius Gregory Ryder, of Greencastle Pennsylvania. One is a church letter, dated December 9, 1729, given to Johannes Rudrauff, of Dornigheim, from the parish of Hochstadt and Dornigheim, Hessa Hanau, which speaks of him as the son of the Evangelical Lutheran schoolmaster of that place, and is signed by the pastor, Johann Jacob Rump. The other is a passport or recommendation to one Johannes Rudrauff, a linen weaver, issued April 24, 1753. (A copy of both these documents will be found later on, with translation.) This linen weaver, we assume, was our great ancestor, Johannes Rudrauff, who received the certificate in the spring of 1753, and landed in this country October 2, 1753. Tradition, in which the Ruthrauff family is rich, tells us they came to America from Alsace Lorraine, and coming from both branches of the family, we may feel justified in giving it some thought.

The first authentic records we can find are in the archives of Pennsylvania, where the name of Johannes Rudrauff appears on the original immigrant list of October 2, 1753, ship Edinburg, Captain John Lyon from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, registered in his own handwriting. Mr. H. H. Shenk, custodian of public records, said it is a very good handwriting and indicates that he was a man of culture.

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Fisher, in his "Making of Pennsylvania," states that during a period of German and French immigration to Pennsylvania, between 1750 and 1760, only males over twenty-one years of age were registered. No wives or children were mentioned. Rupp* gives his age as twenty-two, and as he is the only Ruthrauff registered who ever immigrated to this country, we are free to assume he must be the ancestor of all the Ruthrauffs in this country. He bought 195 acres of land in York County, Pennsylvania, had three horses and five cattle, and paid twenty-five pounds tax, before 1780. In that year he gave his son Jonas a horse, and two years later two cows, when, according to Mr. Shenk, "Jonas was going to be married."

"In 1790 John's son Johannes bought or had 100 acres of land, three horses and two head of cattle." On the tax list the first name is John, instead of Johannes, and Mr. Shenk says: "The clerk was English, the method of arrangement English, and gives Jonas and John as sons of Johannes." Jonas was also a weaver.

There is no discrepancy in the linen weaver and farmer, as every German learned a trade, and the upper classes were usually weavers, as well as superintendents of their estates. Again, Fisher says: "The immigrants coming over at this time were of the better class, and nearly all weavers. They took kindly to the soil, and with few exceptions were farmers."

After the "World War" I ventured a letter to the pastor of the Lutheran Church, in Hochstadt, Hessa Hanau, now Kr. Hanau, asking if they could find any record of the Ruthrauff family, either now or as far back as 1727, and received the following letter and records from him, which I will include, as they give the best possible explanation. There are no marriage records given, showing

*Rupp's Collection of Thirty Thousand Immigrants to Pennsylvania.

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they probably went to foreign fields for their wives. The names Jonas, John, Philipp, Mary, Elizabeth, and Catherine, etc., are carried down to the present generation, a convincing link in the chain.

Pastor Rich vouches for the authenticity of the record, but I think we should make all due allowance for his difficulty in deciphering so old a manuscript, so that if dates do not correspond, credit it to the very old manuscript.

Metropolitan Reich, Hochstadt Kr Hanau,
24th June, 1920.

To

Mrs. Joseph W. Hoover, 1816 Linwood Blvd.,
Kansas City, Mo., U. S. A.

In answer to your letter of 7th April, 1920, I beg to say and inform you—the name was originally spelled “Rudrauff”; it became later, “Rudrauf.”

All I have diligently searched for and found in the church registers I shall set down, in the accompanying sheet.

In olden times schoolmasters were also artisans; they fulfilled both duties at the same time—thus Rudrauf seems to have been a weaver, for a man has been registered, who has worked at Rudrauf's, a weaver journeyman.

Up to 1818, there has been a Lutheran congregation besides the Reformed one, and to it belonged, later, also the Lutherans in Dornigheim. But in 1818 both congregations united, and the Lutheran's of Dornigheim belonged since then, no longer to Hochstadt, but to the earlier “Reformed” congregation of Dornigheim. If you therefore wish to know anything more about the time after 1818, you can obtain information from the Evangelical Church Office, Dornigheim, township Hanau.

Respectfully,

F. REICH, Pastor and Metropolitan (Deacon)

The certificate of G 12, 1729, comes from Pastor Rump.

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Extracts from the church registers of the early Lutheran Congregation of Hochstadt, township Hanua, Province Cassel, Prussia:

In the year 1737, on the 11th July, there was born to Johann Philipp Rudrauff, school master, in Dornigheim, a daughter, who was baptized on July 14. The Godmother was Marie Elizabetha, eldest daughter of Master Johann Jacob Assman. The child received her Godmother's names.

In the year 1739, on the 21st November, in the morning, between one and two o'clock, to the schoolmaster Rudrauff, was born a daughter, baptized on 24th November. The Godmother was Mrs. Anna Katherine Alt, wife of the Hon. Ernest Alt, of Great Karben, and the child was named after her.

In the year 1737, on Palm Sunday, Anna Marie Rudrauff was confirmed. She had learned but the small catechism, but passed the examinations well. They lasted three hours.

In the year 1746, Jonas Rudrauff was confirmed, 14 years of age (more or less).

In the year 1747, Anna Margareta Rudrauff was confirmed, 14 years of age.

In the year 1755, Anna Katherine Rudrauff was confirmed, 15½ years of age.

In the year 1755, Johann Philipp Rudrauff was confirmed, 14 years of age and more.

In the year 1772, the schoolmaster, Rudrauff, died on 5th September, between 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock a. m., and was buried on 8th September, with a very elaborate procession and a sermon. His age was about seventy.

In 1776, January, Maria Elizabetha Rudrauff died. She was the wife of the schoolmaster, Philipp Rudrauff. She was buried on 9th January, with music, song and all honors. Text, Isaiah: 38-12.

In the register of the communicants, the conjugal couple, Rudrauff, are named frequently. He seems to have partaken of the Holy Communion, in 1771, for the last time.

On Pentecost Sunday, 1774, Anna Elizabetha Rudrauff, partook of the Holy Communion.

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Marie Elizabeth Rudrauf partook of it in 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778. At Pentecost and Christmas in 1779, 1780, 1782, 1784. Every three months in 1785, 1787, as also in 1788, 1790, 1791, 1794, 1795.

In 1775, 1776 Philipp Rudrauff.

In 1777 the grandson of the schoolmaster Rudrauff. His name is not given.

Marie Elizabetha Rudrauf, daughter of the late schoolmaster, Johann Philipp Rudrauf, in Dornigheim, died there on 5th March, 1804, aged sixty-six years, seven months, twenty-three days, and was buried there on 7th March.

For the truth of these extracts I vouch, with my signature and the seal of the church.

Hochstadt, township Hanau, on 24th June, 1920.

The Evangelical Church Office.

REICH, Pastor and Metropolitan (Deacon).

There is no doubt whatever of our descent from these ancestors, though I also hear of Ruthrauffs in Petrograd, in different parts of Germany, and some in this country, whom I cannot connect with our family.

Whether they immigrated from Russia to Germany in search for work, as many did in the early years, and stayed in Germany, or traveled from Germany to Russia in later years, I do not know.

I find a family in Kansas City, descendants of Jonas Rudrauff, who spell their name Rotroff, and they are the only family including a "Jonas." The difference in spelling is of no consequence, for in a copy of Synodical Records, of the years 1748 to 1780, I find my great-grandfather's name, Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, spelled five different ways—and these Nuremberg and Petrograd friends may, most likely do, belong to the family farther back than 1729. I also find in changing the spelling from German to English the German "d" becomes "th" in English, hence the change from Rudrauff to Ruthrauff.

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I am including in this an extract from a letter from my niece, Miss Mary Josephine Ruthrauff, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, written from Nuremberg, Germany, while traveling in Germany July 29, 1913:

In Nuremberg I found a family who spell their name "Ruthrof", and as I have found nothing in other cities at all like the name, we went out Sunday morning and looked them up. They were not far from the hotel. They were a widow and her son, August Ruthrof, who is a Post Bureau Assistant, and speaks English, French, Spanish, Italian, and Russian. He told me that the spelling in their name has been changed, and that ours is the correct way. Also he said that the family was originally Russian or Polish, and spelled it something like "Rutowski" or "Ruthroffski". They are Catholics and the branches must be related very far back, if at all. He is a decided blond, large and fleshy, and resembles his mother; but the father's picture shows the Ruthrauff forehead and eyes and has a decided resemblance to Grandfather Ruthrauff. *His* father's brother (August's greatuncle) went to America, to Philadelphia, unmarried, and after the first letter, they had heard nothing more from him. In Bamberg there are two brothers of the widow's husband, George and Joseph. One has a large machine factory, and the other is a professor or teacher of some kind. They said I looked like a niece in Bamberg, "die Rosa". They were pleased to see us and treated us very cordially. They said that the family is not large, and that there are only two Bamberg brothers and their families and a family in Salzburg.

Later I was fortunate in receiving, through the influence and work of Miss Johanna Lorey, a teacher of Hochstadt Kr. Hanau, the following records of the family Rudrauff, collected during the summer of 1924 by Rudolph Schafer, of Darmstadt, President of the Hessian Historical Society, and translated for me by Miss Lorey of Hochstadt.

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These include the picture of Bishop Killian Rudrauff; the Rudrauff coat-of-arms, which was hereditary and used by Marcus Rudrauff in his work as notary, etc. Also the chart; and brings the family from 1560, a direct line, with, as he says, many omissions, down to *Johannes*, who immigrated to America in 1753.

I am publishing the original German Mss. of Rudolph Schafer, as well as Miss Lorey's translation, so our German scholars may translate for themselves.

Sincerely,

THE AUTHOR.



RUDOLPH

“*T*HE first Rudolph, or Rutrough, I have any account of was born in Hapsburg, Germany, 1236, where the name originated. He inherited the vast domain of his Uncle Albert, and was working for the General Government. The Emperor Maximillian wanted him to give his fortune to the Government. He refused, and the Emperor took it. Rudolph then headed a rebellion, in 1284. He was overthrown and executed in 1292, by order of the Emperor. Years later descendants of Rudolph emigrated to this country and settled in Pennsylvania.”

The above was furnished me by Prof. J. H. Rutrough, of Roanoke, Virginia, and was compiled for him by Dr. Vertigan.





Commandant or Bishop Killian Rudrauff, D. D., 1627-1690.

*QUELLEN ZUR GESCHICHTE DER FAMILIE
RUDRAUFF*

Und Auswertung der Quellen für eine *Uebersichts
Stamm-Tafel* der Familie Rudrauff,

Zusammengestellt Darmstadt im Sommer 1924
von Regierungsrat Rudolf Schafer,
Vorsitzender der hessischen familiengeschichtlichen
Vereinigung.

Enthalt 24 Seiten Text, eine Uebersichts-Stammtafel,
eine Abbildung und ein Familienwappen.

RUDRAUFF

JOHANNES RUDRAUFF wanderte im Jahre 1753 in Amerika ein und wird als Sohn eines lutherischen Schulmeisters in Dörniheim bei Hanau bezeichnet. Er soll einen Empfehlungsbrief vom von Hessen-Hanau-Biliwick von Bücherthal, Linencrons, gehabt haben. Nach Ueberlieferung soll die Familie ursprünglich aus dem Elsass stammen und königlicher Abstammung sein von Rudolf von Habsburg, der 1292 durch Maximilian wegen Empörung hingerichtet worden sei? Es bestehe sicher Verwandtschaft mit den Superintendenten Kilian Rudrauff.

Es wird Feststellung der Abstammung, Nachweis der königlichen Herkunft und Aufzeichnung von Allem, was über Kilian Rudrauff bekannt ist, sowie Ermittlung des Familienwappens grbeten?

I. NACHFORSCHUNGEN IN HOCHSTADT.

Das Kirchenbuch von Hochstadt, wo die lutherischen Einwohner von Döernigheim eingepfarrt waren, ergibt folgende Auskünfte:

Getaufte: 1737, 11, Juli: dem Schuldiener (=Schullehrer) *Johann Philipp Rudrauff* zu Dornigheim eine Tochter *Maria Elisabeth*, (Pathin: Maria Elizabeth, älteste Tochter des Jacob Assmann).

1739, 21, Nov.: demselben eine Tochter *Johanna Catharina*, (Pathin Anna Catharina, Ehefrau des freiherrlich von Edelsheim' schlen Hofmanns Ernst Alt zu Gross-Karben).

Konfirmierte: Kinder des Schulmeisters *Joh. Philipp Rudrauff:*

1737 *Anna Maria*,

1742 *Johannes*, alt 15 Jahre,

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Dear Friend:

Inasmuch as he, to our knowledge, has conducted himself honorably as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, therefore we bear witness to this fact, and because he will continue to conduct himself thus while away from home he may be admitted without question to the Holy Communion and other Christian privileges.

Parish of Hichstadt and Doernigheim.

Signed by the Evangelical Lutheran Pastor

JOHANN JACOB RUMP.

December 9, 1729.

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1746 *Jonas*, alt ungefähr 15 Jahre,

1747 *Anna Margarethe*, alt 14 Jahre,

1755 *Anna Catharina*, alt 15½ Jahre.

Verstorbene: 1772, 5, Sept. *Schulmeister Rudrauff*, alt etliche 70 Jahre.

1776, 7, Jan. *Maria Elisabeth*, des Schulmeisters *Johann Philipp Rudrauff* Witwe.

1804, 5, Marz: *Maria Elisabeth*, Tochter des Lehrers *Joh. Philipp Rudrauff*.

Kommunikanten: 1770 hat sich zum Gottestisch gemeldet: *Kleber* aus Nidda, er schafft bei *Schulmeister Rudrauff* als Webergeselle.

Einen Grossherzog von Hessen-Hanau-Bücherthal gab es niemals (Grossherzöge gibt es un Deutschland überhaupt erst nach 1800). Das Empfehlungsschreiben von 1753 ist ein *Zunftbrief* des Hauptmeisters der Leinweberzunft des fürstlich Hessen-Hanauischen Amts Bucherthal, zu dem dörnigheim gehörte, für *Johann Rudrauff* als wertvollen Gesellen und Leinweber, unterzeichnet von *Johann Rowe* (wohl dem Amtmann), dem Hauptmeister *Johann Henrich Rollmann* und dem Meister *Johann Philipp Rudrauff*.

Aus obigem ergeben sich folgende Feststellungen:

Johann Philipp Rudrauff kam kurz vor 1737 als Schullehrer nach Nordigheim. Er ist um das Jahr 1700 geboren und hat um 1722 geheiratet, denn 1737 wird ihm bereits ein Kind konfirmiert. Er war kein studierter Schulmeister, sondern von Haus aus Leinwebermeister, wie aus seiner Unterschrift unter dem *Zunftbrief* für seinen Sohn *Johann* and der Erwähnung seines Gesellen 1770 hervorgeht.

Er hatte (ausser etwaigen noch unbekannten und den später zu nennenden) in Dornigheim 6 Kinder:

Anna Maria, geb. um 1722; *Johannes*, geb. 1727; *Jonas*, geb. um 1731; *Anna Margarethe*, geb. 1733; *Maria Elisabeth*, geb. 1737, gest. 1804; *Johanna Catharina*, geb. 1739.

Die Herkunft des Johann Philipp Rudrauff und seine fruheren Wohnorte waren in Hochstadt nicht zu ermitteln.

II. NACHFORSCHUNGEN NACH DER HERKUNFT DES SCHULMEISTERS JOHANN PHILIPP RUDRAUFF ZU DORNIGHEIM.

Den einzigen Hinweis für Nachforschungen ergab die Erwähnung der Ernst Alt Ehefrau zu *Gross-Karben* 1739 als Pathin der Johanna Catharina Rudrauff im Kirchenbuch zu Dorigheim.

In dem daraufhin eingesehenen Kirchenbuch zu Gross-Karben fand sich über den hochfreiherrlich von Edelsheim-schen Hofman *Ernst Alt* nur der einzige Eintrag der Taufe einer Tochter Maria Magdalena am 25. Nov. 1736, wobei die Tochter des Schultheissen Pilger zu *Dortelweil* als Pathin genannt ist. Sonst kommt diese Familie Alt im Kirchenbuch zu Gross-Karben nicht vor.

Dortelweil ist ein kleines Dorf im hessischen Kreise Friedberg, nahebei Frankfurt am Main.

Die dort vorgenommenen Feststellungen ergaben zunächst, dass am 9. Februar 1736 der damals dort als Nachbar (Einwohner) wohnhafte Ernst Alt die *Anna Catharina*, Witwe des Schuldieners *Christian Rudrauff* geheiratet hat. Weitere eingehende Nachforschungen hatten die nachstehenden Ergebnisse, aus denen einwandfrei hervorgeht, dass der Dornigheimer Schulmeister *Johann Philipp Rudrauff* 1699 in Dortelweil als Sohn des Schulmeisters *Christian Rudrauff* geboren wurde und dass er selbst 1722 bis 1724 als Leinweber dort lebte. Seine damalige, wohl erste Ehefrau hiess *Anna Barbara*. Wann und wo er diese und seine spätere Frau *Marie*

Elisabeth geheiratet hat, steht noch nicht fest, ebenso wenig, woher seine Frauen stammten. Auch sein Aufenthalt zwischen 1724, wo er in Dortelweil verschwindet, und 1737, wo er zuerst in Dornigheim auftritt, war noch nicht zu ermitteln.

III. EINTRÄGE IM KIRCHENBUCH ZU DORTELWEIL.

Copulierte: 1697, 14, Sept. Herr Präceptor *Christian Rudrauff* Adjunctus alhier (seines herrn Schwiegervaters als Präceptoris) und *Anna Maria*, Tochter des alten Präceptors *Johann Conrad Völcker*.

Copuliert 1669, 15, Juni: Herr *Johann Conrad Völcker*, S. S. theol. stud. und p. t. wohkbestallter Schulhalter alhier, und *Anna Maria*, Meister *Erici Fabers*, Nachbars und Hufschmieds alhier Tochter.

Getauft 1672, 24, Sept. *Maria*, Tochter des Schulmeisters *Völcker*.

Begraben 1714, 3, Dez. Präceptor *Johann Conrad Völcker*, alt 80 Jahre, 15 Wochen, 2 Tage.

1726, 28, Dez. *Anna Maria*, Witwe des Präceptors Joh. Conr. Völcker, alt 76 Jahre, 10 Monate, 20 Tage.

Begrabene: 1720, 5, März: *Maria*, *Christian Rudrauffs* Eheweib, alt 47 Jahre, 5 Monate, 14 Tage.

1729, 19, Sept. *Susanna Catharina*, *Christian Rudrauffs* Hausfrau, alt 37 Jahre, 9 Monate, 8 Tage.

1731, 19, Febr. *Christian Rudrauff*, Schuldiener, alt 48 Jahre, 9 Monate, 2 Tage.

Copulierte: 1730, 17, Januar: *Christian Rudrauff*, Schuldiener, Witwer, und *Anna Catharina*, Tochter des Nachbars *Johannes Streb* zu Praunheim.

1736, 9, Febr. Nachbar *Johann Ernst Alt* alhier und *Anna Catharina*, Witwe des Schuldieners *Christian Rudrauff*.

Dem Schulmeister *Christian Rudrauff* (Verheiratet I. 1697 *Anna Maria Völcker*, II. 1720 *Susanna Catherina Crauser*, III. 1730 (*Anna Catharina Streb*) insgesamt 11 Kinder getauft:

1699, 21, Febr. *Johann Philipp*, Pathe: sein Schwager Joh. Philipp Völcker.

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1701, 21, Januar. *Johann Christoph*, gestorben 17. Dez. 1728, Pathe: Pfarrer Joh. Chr. Rosenstengel zu Budesheim.

1706, 15, Aug. *Philipp Jacob*, Pathe der Sohn des hochgräflich Hanau'schen Hofschneiders Martin Huhn.

1710, 30, Juni. *Johannes*, Pathe Johann Greim, Gastgeber zum weissen Schwan zu Ober-Roden.

1721, 26, März. *Anna Catharina*, Pathin Anna Catharina, Hausfrau Burgers und Wagners Johann Philipp Crauser zu Cronberg als Grossmutter.

1723, 15, Januar. *Johann Balthasar*, Schulmeister Joh. Balthasar Lentz zu Gronau Pathe.

1725, 5, April. *Susanna Catharina*, Herrn Johann Anselm Munch zu Frankfurt Hausfrau ist Pathin.

1727, 26, Juni. *Eva*, gestorben 5. Aug. 1727.

1729, 17, Sept. Maria Elisabeth, P. Hausfrau des Joh. Phil. Crauser zu Cronberg.

1730, 9, Sept. *Johann Nicolaus*.

(1732, 9, Jan. der Witwe ein Sohn *Johann Wilhelm*, begr. 24.3.1732)

Dem *Johann Philipp Rudrauff*, Nachbar und Leinweber zu Dortelweil, und seiner Hausfrau *Anna Barbara* zwei Kinder getauft:

1722, 31, Januar. *Maria Petronella*, Pathin Anna Maria, Peter Sartorii Nachbars zu Kilianstatten Eheweib.

1724, 4, Februar. *Anna Margarethe*.

Feststellungen aus obigen Eintragen.

Der Leinweber und Schulmeister *Johann Philipp Rudrauff* ist 1699 zu Dortelweil als Sohn des Schulmeisters *Christian Rudrauff* geboren.

Christian Rudrauff ist wenn die Altersangabe von 48 Jahren bei seinem Tode richtig geht, um den 13. Mai 1628 geboren und hätte im Alter von 15 Jahren und 4 Monaten schon als Schuladjunct eine fast 10 Jahre ältere Frau geheiratet.

Die Herkunft des Christian Rudrauff war in Dortelweil nicht festzustellen. Aufklärung werden vielleicht Feststellungen über die Familien der erwähnten Pathen in

den Orten Budesheim, Hanau, Ober-Roden, Cronberg, Kilianstatten, Gronau und Frankfurt ergeben.

IV. PRÄCEPTOR JOHANN FRIEDRICH RUDRAUFF ZU
FAUERBACH.

Durch einen besonderen Zufall wurde in Erfahrung gebracht, dass sich im Kirchenbuch zu Fauerbach bei Friedberg in Oberhessen (Jetzt in der Stadt Friedberg eingemeindet) *Rudrauff* finden. Bei Durchsicht fanden sich folgende Einträge:

Verheiratet 1710, 13, Mai. *Johann Georg Rudrauff*, Schneidergeselle, und *Anna Eva*, Tochter des Einwohners *Johann Rudolph*.

Denselben Kinder getauft:

1712, 10, Februar. *Anna Dorothea*, Pathin: A. Dor. Rudolph.

1716, 13, Februar. *Christian*, Pathe: Präceptor *Christian Rudrauff* zu *Dortelweil*.

Begraben 1718, 10, August. *Johann Georg Rudrauff*, Schneider, alt 34 Jahre.

Verheiratet 1721, 31, Juli. *Johann Georg Philippi*, Schneider, und *Anna Eva*, *Johann Georg Rudrauff* seelig Witwe.

Verheiratet 1719, 30, April. *Johann Peter Rudrauff*, *Johann Friedrichs*, dasigen Präceptoris Sohn, mit von Bruchenbrücken.

Demselben und seiner Frau *Maria Elisabeth* Kinder getauft:

1720, 28, Mai. *Christian*, Pathe der Schuldiener *Christian Rudrauff* zu *Dortelweil*.

1722, 22, Januar. *Maria Elisabeth*.

1723, 18, Febr. *Hermann*, Path: Hermann Linck, hochgraflich Solms-Rödelheimscher Amtskeller zu Södel.

Begraben 1759, 2, Juli. *Johann Peter Rudrauff*, alt 66 Jahre.

Begraben 1722, 14, Mai. *Anna*, Herrn Präceptors *Rudrauff* seelige Hausfrau.

Aus diesen Einträgen ergibt sich, dass in *Fauerbach* mindestens noch 1722 ein Präceptor *Johann Friedrich Rudrauff* im Amte war. Derselbe muss dort längere

Jahre im Amte gewesen sein, denn 2 Söhne von ihm blieben dort nach seinem Tode als Einwohnen. Sein Tod fehlt im Kirchenbuche; sollte er nicht vielleicht auswärts gestorben sein, so kämen als seine Todeszeit die Jahre 1726 bis 1730 in betracht, in denen die Kirchenbucheinträge fehlen. Die beiden in Fauerbach wohnhaften Sohne *Johann George* und *Johann Peter* sind nach den Altersangaben bei ihrem Tode 1684 und 1693 geboren. Da sich in dem zu dieser Zeit ordnungsmässig geführten Fauerbacher Kirchenbuch ihre Taufeinträge nicht finden, muss ihr Vater damals noch nicht als Präceptor in Fauerbach gestanden haben.

Der Umstand, dass der *Präceptor Christian Rudrauff zu Dortelweil* bei jedem der beiden in Fauerbach ansässigen Bruder Rudrauff einmal als Pathe erbeten wurde, lässt darauf schliessen, dass er mit ihnen nahe verwandt war. Es dürfte wohl sicher sein, dass er ihr Bruder war und dass also der *Vater des Christian Rudrauff zu Dortelweil ebenfalls der mindestens seit 1710 in Fauerbach stehende Präceptor Johann Friedrich Rudrauff war*.

Woher dieser Johann Friedrich Rudrauff zu Fauerbach stammt, war bisjetzt nicht festzustellen. (Falls im Graflich Solms-Rödelheim'schen Archiv zu Assenheim Archivalien über die Besetzung der Lehrerstellen in der Grafschaft aus der damaligen Zeit vorhanden sein sollten, gaben diese vielleicht Auskunft.) Johann Friedrich wird, selbst wenn man die Geburt des Christian zu Dortelweil tatsächlich erst im Jahre 1682 annimmt, was aber doch sehr zweifelhaft ist, aller Wahrscheinlichkeit nach vor dem Jahr 1660 geboren sein.

Aus dieser Zeit werden zwei *Johann Friedrich Rudrauff* erwähnt, der erste ein Sohn der Fouriers *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff* zu Schotten und Giessen und der

andere ein Sohn von dessen Bruder, dem Superintendenten Kilian *Rudrauff* in Giessen. Weitere Johann Friedrich Rudrauff durften damals bei dem noch verhältnismässig kurzen Vorkommen der Familie in Hessen kaum gelebt haben. Es mussn also die Lebensdaten dieser beiden Johann Friedrich Rudrauff festgestellt werden, was im Folgenden geschicht.

Staatsarchiv zu Darmstadt.

Darmstädter Kammerrechnung von 1618:

Tobias Friedrich Rudrauff, Forstschreiber im Forst Sternfels, wohnt vermutlich in Schotten.

VIII, 1, Conv. 25 Nr. 4, Kriegsschüden im Oberfürstentum Hessen beim Braunschweiger Einfall 1622 in Schotten:

Tobias Friedrich Rudrauff, Forstschreiber, and Geld genemmen 120 Reichsthaler, an Wein 250 Reichsthaler, an Hausrat und anderm 80 Reichsthaler.

Marcus Rudrauff Stadtschreiber unterzeichnet das Protocoll.

Matrikel der Universität und des Padagogiums Marburg.

1627 im Pädagog: *Johannes Rudrauff*, Schottensis.

1632 im Pädagog: *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff*, Schottensis.

Akten der Universität Giessen.

Stipendium der Stadt Schotten:

1632, 8, November lebt noch *Marcus Rudrauff* in Schotten als Stadtschreiber und Notarius publicus. Lange vor 1642 ist er tot.

1642 erhält sein Sohn *Kilian Rudrauff* das Stipendium; den Revers für ihn über sein Bekenntnis zur reinen lutherischen Lehre unterzeichnet seine Mutter *Agnes Rudrauff Witwe*.

Siete f zeile 20 ist 1782 zu andern in 1682. Seite 4 unten zusatz zu der geb. 30 Juni 1710:

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“Er stroh als Buerger und Bren: amtsdiener zu Frankfort a/M
18 Jan. 1773.”

Kirchenbuch zu Schotten in Oberhessen.

Copulierte 1629-38, 1649-1745, *Begrabene* 1629-34, 1640-41, 1647-71,
1698, 1703-27, *Getaufte* 1647-73, 1679-86, 1697-1744,
sammlich mitvielen Lucken.

Copulierte: 1631, 16 Mai: *Hector Wilhelm Rudrauff* und *Sophia Schmaltz.*

1636, 5, Dez.: fürstlich hessischer Oberjager *Hans Saitz* und
Sophia, Herrn *Hector Wilhelm Rudrauffs*, Witwe.

1659, 27, Sept.: Herr *Kilian Orth* und *Agnes*, Herrn *Marx Rudrauff* selig relict.

1701, 2, Juni: *Caspar Rudrauff* und *Anna Elisabeth Ruhl.*

1708, 22, Nov.: Herr *Andreas Rudrauff* und *Anna Christina Rodenberger.*

1726, 17, Mai: *Johann Kilian Rudrauff* und *Barbara Maria Weitz.*

1734, 13, August: *Johann Joachim Borger* von Wald-Böckelheim in der Pfalz und *Anna Elisabeth Rudrauff.*

1741, 10, November: *Johann Heinrich Spamer* u. *Anna Margarethe Rudrauff.*

Begrabene: 1633, 16, März: ein Knab von 13 Jahren *Marcus Rudrauff* Stadtschreibern, mente capitus et epilepticus.

1651, 31, März: *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff Söhnlein*, alt 4 Jahr weniger 11 Wochen.

1657, 27, März: demselben ein Söhnlein *Johann Adam*, alt 2 Jahr 17 Wochen.

1698, 17, Januar: Dem *Johann Henrich Rudrauff* ein Söhnlein *Johann Tobias*, alt über 1 Jahr.

1703, 18, Februar: *Johann Henrich Rudrauff*, welcher in der Lohmuhlen über der Stadt vom Wallbaum erdruckt, aet. 9 J.

1707, 3, Febr. *Hans Henrich Rudrauff Söhnlein.*

1709, 1, Jan. *Caspar Rudrauff Söhnlein.*

1710, 23, Febr. *Andreas Rudrauff Söhnlein.*

1710, 4, Mai: Herr *Hauptmann Rudrauff.*

1711, 10, Sept.: *Andreas Rudrauff Söhnlein.*

1716, 28, Aug.: Herr *Andreas Rudrauff Kind.*

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1720, 12, Marz: die alt *Hauptmannin Margarethe Rudrauff* alt 69J.

1721, 1, Jan.: des *Hauptmanns Andreas Rudrauff Söhnlein* alt 2 J.

1723, 21, April: *Hans Henrich Rudrauff*, 44 Jahre.

1726, 28, Januar: *Georg Friedrich Rudrauff*, 4½ Jahre.

1727, 30, Marz: *Kilian Rudrauff Tochter Anna Maria*, alt 9 Wochen.

Getaufte: (1) dem *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff*:

1647, 20 Juni: *Söhnlein*, Pathe *Johann Weber junior* von Ulrichstein.

1649, 22, Febr.: *Söhnlein*, Pathe *Johann Jost*, Kapitanleutnant.

1651, 28, Nov.: *Sohn Johann Friedrich*, Pathe *Friedrich Schwalb*.

1654, 1, Dez.: *Sohn Johann Adam*.

(2) dem *Johann Tobias Rudrauff*:

1682, 5, Jan.: zwei Söhne *Johann Adam* und *Johann Peter*.

1685, 24, Febr.: *Sohn Andreas*.

(3) dem *Johann Henrich Rudrauff* und Frau *Anna Margaretha* beide sind schon 1697 verheiratet, denn damals ist die Frau schon Pathin bei Tochter des *Johannes Becker*.

1701, 19, Jan.: *Peter*.

1705, 7, Sept.: *Anna Margaretha*.

(3a) dem *Hans Henrich Rudrauff* (derselbe?)

1706, 12, Aug.: *Tochter*, Pathin *Joh. Georg Leuning Hausfrau*.

1710, 3, Jan.: *Henrich Wilhelm*.

1715, 25, Aug.: *Tochter*, Pathin *Joh. Daniel Wagner Hausfrau*.

(4) dem *Johann Caspar Rudrauff*:

1702, 17, Febr.: *Kilian*, Pathe sein Schwager *Kilian Ruhl*.

1708, 23, März: *Andreas*, Pathe sein Bruder *Andreas Rudrauff*.

1712, 12, Juli: *Anna Margarethe*, Pathin *Hans Henrich Rudrauff Frau*.

(5) dem Herrn *Andreas Rudrauff*, 1716 Leutnant, 1721 Stadthauptmann.

1710, 22, Jan. *Tobias Friedrich*, Pathe Herr *Johann Tobias Rudrauff*, Hauptmann.

1711, 23, Jan. *Anna Barbara*.

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1712, 6, Juli. *Johann Adam.*

1714, 29, Nov. *Johann Caspar, Pathe sein Bruder Caspar Rudrauff.*

1716, 3, Sept. *Anna Elisabeth, Pathin die ledige Tochter des Pfarrers zu Budesheim.*

1718, 19, Nov. *Johann Georg.*

Fortsetzung der Kinder des Andreas Rudrauff:

1721, 12, Juli. *Georg Friedrich.*

1726, 10, Sept. *Johann Heinrich.*

(6) dem Schneidermeidter *Johann Kilian Rudrauff:*

1727, 5, Jan. *Anna Maria.*

1729, 31, Aug. *Johann Jacob.*

1733, 5, Aug. *Johann Andreas, Pathe Herr Andreas Rudrauff Chirurgus.*

(7) dem *Johann Peter Rudrauff, 1732 Tuchmacher, 1735 u. 43 Wollweber:*

1727, 28, Febr. *Johann Christoph, Pathe Organist Johann Christoph Soldan zu Crainfeld.*

1730, 18, März. *Johanna Elisabetha.*

1732, 23, Nov. *Elisabeth.*

1735, 20, März. *Anna Gertraud.*

1743, 1, März. *Juliana Margaretha, Pathin die alt Frau Kellerin zu Bürggrafenrode Frau Juliana Ellenbergerin.*

(8) dem *Chirurgen Johann Adam Rudrauff:*

1743, 24, März: *Andreas.*

1744, 9, Juli. *Anna Christina, Pathin des Vaters Mutter Anna Christina, Hausfrau des Chirurgen Andreas Rudrauff.*

Stiftungen für die Kirche zu Schotten:

1687 hat der Herr *Superintendent Rudrauff* dem Casten 22 fl. 2 h. 12 pf. lassen zu gut kommen, weil $\frac{1}{2}$ Jahr nur ein Stipendiat gespeist worden.

1688 hat H. D. Rudrauff die Kilianswecke a 2 fl. gestiftet.

Kirchenbuch zu Giessen.

Getaufte: Stadtkirche, 19, Nov. 1657, dem *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff, Soldat, und Frau Dorothea* eine Tochter *Adelheid Margaretha*, Pathen: *Georg Schwalb* von Schotten, *Margarethe* Hausfrau des *Fandrichs Johann Veltzenbach*, *Adelheid* Tochter des verstorbenen *Niclas Roder*.

History of the Ruthrauff Family

Bürgkirche, 26, Mai 1661, dem *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff*, reformiertem Fourierer von Schotten, und Frau *Dorothea*, ein Sohn *Kilian Christoph*, Pathen: Professor M. *Kilian Rudrauff*, Anna Catharina Hausrau des Joh. Nicolaus Schupp.

Kirehenbuch zu Butzbach.

Getauft 24, Februar 1678. Herrn *Johann Tobias Rudrauff von Schotten*, Sergeant bei des Oberstwachmeisters Fasold Compagnie, ein Sohn *Johann Martin*.

Kirchenbuch Frankfurt am Main.

Getauft dem Bürger und Hosenstricker *Johann Casper Rudrauff* und Frau *Susanna*: 1670, 9, October, *Johannes*. 1673, 12, Juni, *Anna Margaretha*. 1675, 5, December, *Johann Nicolaus*.

Gestorben demselben 1681, 22. Juni ein Sohnlein *Engelhard*.

Burgerbuch in Stadtarchiv Frankfurt am Main.

Johann Caspar Rudrauff von Schotten in der Wetterau, Hosenstricker, duxit viduam civis, juravit d. 8, Dexemb. 1669, dedit Burgergeld fl. 15, im Handwerk fl. 5.

Kirchenbuch Darmstadt.

Copuliert 1701, 18, Mai. *Hartmann Rudrauff*, Soldat, Sohn des Bürgers und Landhauptmanns *Johann Tobias Rudrauff* zu Schotten, mit *Anna Catharina Martinsheimer*. (1706 ist er Gardereiter.)

Getauft demselben Kinder:

1703, 16, Oct. *Anna Catharina*, 1704, 12, Dez. *Johanna Magdalena*.

1706, 22, Sept. *Johann Adam*. 1708, 23, Nov. *Johann Anton*.

1715, 29, Dez. *Anna Catharina*.

Kirchenbuch Pfungstadt bei Darmstadt.

Copuliert 1716, 25, Juni. *Hartmann Rudrauff* viduus und *Catharina Elisabeth*, *Nicel Helfmanns* Witwe.

Kirchenbuch zu Giessen (Stadtkirche)

Copuliert 1656, 10, November. Magister *Kilian Rudrauff* und *Anna Maria*, Tochter des Pfarrers *Bernhard Engel* zu Russelsheim.

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Getauft denselben Kinder:

- (1) 1658, 22, Februar. *Anna Elisabeth*, Pathen: seine Mutter *Anna* (sie!) von Schotten, seine Schwester *Elisabeth* zu Cronberg, *Elisabeth Catharina* Hausfrau des Dr. med. *Johann Gottfried Geilfuss* zu Butzbach.
- (2) 1660, 30, April. *Johann Christoph*, Pathen: S. S. theol. Dr. *Joh. Nicolaus Misler*, Ratsschoff *Oyger Christoph Völeker* zu Frankfurt, *Anna Margarethe* Hausfrau des Dr. med. *Johann Tackius*.
- (3) 1661, 8, Dez. *Susanna Christina*, Pathen: *Susanna* Hausfrau des Herrn *Wilhelm Engel* zu Frankfurt, *Margaretha Christina* Hausfrau des Pfarrers *Magister Bernharda Engel* zu Russelsheim.
- (4) 1663, 29, Nov. *Maria Juliana*.
- (5) 1665, 29, August. *Theodor Ludwig*.
- (6) 1667, 24, Februar. *Johann Hartmann*.
- (7) 1669, 5, August. *Johann Friedrich*.
- (8) 1670, 22. Dezember. *Maria Elisabeth*.
- (9) 1672, 19, Dezember. *Anna Maria*.
- (10) 1674, 20, August. *Anna Catharina*.
- (11) 1676, 28. October. *Barbara Catharina*.
- (12) 1680, 22, October. *Maria Magdalena*.

Copulierte 1676, 23, Mai. *Johann Helfrich Clotz*, juris utriusque Dr. Pessischer Rat. und (1) *Anna Elisabeth* Tochter des Professors *Kilian Rudrauff*.

- (1) 1689, 17, Mai. *Johann Christoph Rudrauff*, Sohn des Professors Dr. *Kilian Rudrauff*, und *Elisabeth Margarethe*, Tochter des furstlichen Rats *Mylius*.

Kirchenbuch zu Butzbach.

Copulirt 1699, 23, Februar. Dr. med. *Johann Philipp Hilchen* zu Friedberg.

- (1) und *Catharina Barbara*, Tochter des verstorbenen Professors und Superintendenten *Kilian Rudrauff* zu Giessen.

Ueber weitere *Heiraten von Töchtern des Kilian Rudrauff*:

Strieder, Grundlage zu einer hessischen Gelehrten-geschichte, 1799, Band 12:

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(3) *Susanna Christina*, verheiratet mit dem preussischen Landvogt *Philipp Anton von Drach* in der Grafschaft Hohenstein.

(10) *Anna Cathrina*, verheiratet mit Secretarius *Henning* zu Hanau.

Kirchenbuch zu Echzell in der Wetterau.

Hartmann Balthasar Kronacher, Dr. und Rat zu Echzell, verheiratet

(10) 25. Februar, 1696, mit *Anna Catharina*, Tochter des Professors *Kilian Rudrauff* zu Giessen. Diese starb zu Echzell 6. März 1701.

Danach ist zu vermuten, dass die Angabe bei Strieder auf einem Irrtum beruht, sofern die nicht von mir selbst nachgesehene Sterbenachricht im Kirchenbuch Echzell richtig ist.

(4) *Maria Juliana*, verheiratet Magister *Joh. Christoph Held* died 1696. Lehrer zu Russelsheim, vgl. folgenden Eintrag aus Ortenberg, Seite 15.

Litteratur über Kilian Rudrauff.

Hessisches Hebopfer, I Band Seite 490 ff. Vita Kil. Rudrauffii, Protheoria Theologia ej. ex edit. J. B. Rudingeri prafixa generalis et specialis, Giessen 1676 u. 1711.

Strieder, Grundlage zu einer hessischen Gelehrten- und Schriftstellergeschichte, 1799, Band 12 Seite 134 ff. mit einer ahsfuhrlichen Aufzählung seiner Schriften.

Festschrift zum 300 jährigen Jubilaum der Universität Giessen, 1907, Band II: Diehl, Die Giessener Stipendiantenanstalt, Seite 64, mit Vervielfältigung des Bildes von Rudrauff.

Rudrauff zu Ortenberg, insbesondere Johann Christoph.

Kilian Rudrauffs Sohn Johann Christoph stand, nachdem er in verschiedenen Orten in fürstlich Hanauischen und land gräflich Hessischen Diensten gewesen war, zuletzt als graflich Stolbergischer Rat zu Ortenberg in

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Oberhessen. Das dortige Kirchenbuch enthält unter den Verstorbenen folgenreicheren kommen keine Rudrauff vor.

- 1730, 19, Februar starb in des Stolbergischen Herrn Rats *Rudrauff* Behausung des hess. darmst. Amtsverwesers in Lissberg Hn. *Friedrich Wilhelm Moslers* ältestes Sohnlein *Christoph Wilhelm Ludwig*, geb. in Lissberg 12, Mai 17.., da es sich alhier bei seinen Grosseltern aufgehalten, und wurde den 21. ej. Abends 7 Uhr mit 18 Fackeln und dreifachem Gelaute auf dem Kirchhof beigesetzt.
- 1739, 30, Mai starb Frau *Maria Juliana*, weiland Herrn Dr. und Superintendenten *Kilian Rudrauff* in Giessen Tochter und auch weiland Herrn *Helds*, Pfarrers zu Russelsheim nachgelassene Witwe. 74. Jahre alt.
- 1742, 7, Mai starb Herr *Johann Christoph Rudrauff*, hochgräfl. Stolberg. Rat und Amtmann allhier, aet, 82 Jahre, ward den 10. ej. des Abends mit Fackeln draussen auf dem Kirchhof beigesetzt. Die Leiche nahm des Abends um 7 Uhr ihren Anfang, da erst in der Kirchen eine Trauerrede gehalten ward über den selbst erwählten Leichentext Ps. VIII, 5 u. 6.
- 1742, 16 Dezember starb Frau Anna Maria, Hn. *Joh. Christoph Rudrauff*, gräfl. Stolberg. Rats und Amtmanns Witwe, alt 64 Jahre 10 Monate.
- 1769, 14, Mai starb Herr *Johann Christoph Rudrauff*, gewesener Stadtschultheiss allhier, alt 66 Jahre 3 Monate 4 Tage, ander Auszehrung und wurde begraben den 17. Mai auf sein Verlangen mit einer kurzen Sermon.

Aus obigen Einträgen geht hervor, dass der Rat *Joh. Christoph Rudrauff* um 1660 geboren ist, eine Tochter an Amtmann *Moseler* in Lissberg und ein Schwester an Pfarrer *Held* zu Russelsheim verheiratet hatte, und dass vermutlich der 1703 geborene Stadtschultheiss *Joh. Christoph Rudrauff* zu Ortenberg ein Sohn von ihm war.

Näheres über die einzelnen *Kinder des Rats Joh. Christoph Rudrauff zu Ortenberg* werden die Kirchen-

bücher an seinen verschiedenen Dienstorten ergeben, die allerdings noch nicht alle bekannt sind. Bisjetzt steht fest, dass er erst in fürstlich Hanauischen, dann in landräfl. Hessischen und zuletzt in gräfl. Stolbergischen Diensten stand.

Kirchenbuch zu Darmstadt.

Ferdinand Rudrauff, 1724 Kriegszahlmeister zu Darmstadt, auch Kriegskassier, 1756 Ober-Kriegszahlmeister und Kriegsrat, starb 18 November 1762, 68 Jahre 4 Monate 3 Tage alt (also geboren 1694). Verheiratet 1 Februar 1724 als *Sohn des Amtsverwesers Johann Christoph Rudrauff zu Lissberg* mit *Johanna Maria*, Tochter der Kriegsrats *Johann Peter Stürtz* zu Darmstadt. (Die Familie *Stürtz* soll aus Schweden stammen: Ahnentafel des Joh. Peter Stürtz bis ins 16te Jahrhundert ist bekannt.)

Dem Ferdinand Rudrauff Kinder getauft:

1724, 31, October. *Christoph Peter*.

1726, 15, Januar. *Heinrich Ludwig*, jung gestorben.

1728, 20, Februar. *Maria Elisabeth Dorothea*, Pathin die Grossmutter *Maria Margaretha* des Rats *Joh. Christoph Rudrauff* zu Ortenberg Ehefrau.

1735, 13, April. *Elisabeth Friederike Dorothea*.

Sie heiratet 19, Febr. 1756 den Kriegskassier *Johann Philipp Grunewald* zu Darmstadt.

1737, 26, Februar. *Magdalena Elisabeth*.

1738, 31, April. *Christian Ferdinand*.

1739, 15, Sept. *Charlotte Augusta*.

....? *Susanna Dorothea Sophia*.

Sie heiratet 8. Dez. 1763 den Pfarrer *Gottlieb Hofmann* zu Auerbach an der Bergstrasse.

Staatsarchiv Dramstadt, Militarbeamte VIII 2, 70 u. 72.

Johann Christoph Rudrauff ist 1723 Kriegskommissar, 1752 Marschkommissar. Er lebt 1724 zu Lissberg und 1728 zu Ortenberg.

Dr. Kilian Rudrauff.

Kilian Rudrauff wurde am 17 Juli 1627 zu Schotten als Sohn des Stadtschreibers und Notars *Marcus Rudrauff* und dessen Frau *Agnes Becherer* geboren. Nach guter Schulbildung auf den Lateinschulen in Schotten und Marburg studierte er in Marburg und Giessen Philosophie und Theologie und ward sodann im Jahre 1650 Lehrer am Geissener Pedagogium Nachdem er 1651 den Magistergrad erlangt hatte und 1654 Stipendiatenmajor geworden war, wurde ihm 1659 zunächst die Professur der Ethik, 1661 auch die der Logik und Methaphysik sowie 1675 eine ordentliche Professur der Theologie übertragen, wobei er die Doctorwurde annahm. Er starb zu Giessen am 15 September 1690 nach einem reich gesegneten Leben.

Kilian Rudrauff war nicht nur in Giessen, sondern weit über das Hessenland hinaus sowohl als Prediger wie als akademischer Lehrer hochberühmt: und zwar wurde er in seiner letzteren Eigenschaft nicht weniger wegen seiner Fürsorge für das Wohl der Professoren und der Studentenschaft als wegen seiner wissenschaftlichen Fähigkeiten geschätzt. Seine Lehrtätigkeit bedeutete eine wesentliche wissenschaftliche Rebung der Universität und seine zahlreichen Schriften waren noch lange nach seinem Tode weit verbreitet und wissenschaftlich anerkannt. Ein ausführliches Verzeichnis derselben ist in Strieders hessischer Gelehrten-geschichte aus dem Jahre 1799 enthalten.

Neben seiner Lehrtätigkeit wirkte Rudrauff besonders erspriesslich in der Verwaltung der Universität mit. So wusste er in Ausübung der Aufsicht über die Universitätsoökonomie einen jahrelangen Prozess derart zu führen, dass aus dem Gewinn die Besoldungen der Professoren

merklich gebessert werden konnten. Seine Verwaltung der Universitätsbibliothek und seine Tätigkeit als Pädagogiarch förderten bedeutend die ihm anvertrauten Anstalten. Ganz besonders sorgte Rudrauff für das leibliche Wohl der Studenten durch Förderung der Stipendiatenanstalt, indem er die Erneuerung alter Stipendien betrieb und neue dazu gewann. (Ein von ihm selbst 1688 für seine eigene Familie begründetes Stipendium kam allerdings in Folge der Uneinigkeit seiner Erben nie zu rechter Blüte,) Aber auch auf das geistige Wohl der Stipendiaten war er jederzeit bedacht, z. B. durch eine sorgsame Pflege der Musik in der Stipendiatenanstalt.

Trotz dieses umfangreichen Wirkens für seine Universität fand Rudrauffs unendliche Arbeitskraft noch Zeit für praktisches theologisches Wirken sowohl in der Seelsorge wie in der kirchlichen Verwaltung. Nachdem er schon 1676 im Nebenamt zum Prediger an der Giesener Stadtkirche und Inspector des Alsfelder und Grünberger Bezirks sowie Beisitzer im Consistorium bestellt worden war, übernahm er 1683 auch noch die Superintendur der hessen-darmstädter Pfarreien des Marburger Distrikts neben seiner Professur.

Verheiratet war *Kilian Rudrauff* seit 10 November 1656 mit *Anna Maria*, einer Tochter des Pfarrers Magister *Bernhard Angelus* zu Rüsselsheim, die aus einer alt angesehenen Marburger Bürger—und Predigerfamilie stammte und durch ihre Grossmutter ein Nachkommin des berühmten Superintendenten *Petrus Volzius* zu Darmstadt war. Von sein Nachkommen, die zu Jahren kamen, sind uns 5 Töchter und 2 Söhne bekannt. Die Töchter heirateten in die angesehenen Familien *Clotz*, *von Drach*, *Hilchen*, *Kronacher* und *Held*. Von den

Söhnen war das Schicksal des jüngeren 1669 geborenen *Johann Friedrich* bisjetzt nicht festzustellen: 1690 war er noch Student. Der älteste, 1660 geborene Sohn *Johann Christoph* wurde Verwaltungsbeamter, scheint aber ein sehr unruhiger Mann gewesen zu sein. Wir finden ihn bei seiner Verheirathung im Jahre 1689 in Giessen, also wohl in Hessen-darmstädt ischen Diensten; 1610 steht er als Amtmann des Grafen von Hessen-Hanau in Bieber und um 1620 ist er wieder in hessen-darmstädtischen Diensten Amtsverweser in Lissberg. Seit etwa 1628 bis zu seinem Tode 1642 war er Rat des Grafen von Stolberg in Ortenberg. Dort lebte auch sein Sohn *Johann Christoph*, der erst hessischer Kriegskommissar in Lissberg war, und dann mit dem Vater nach Orenberg zog und Stadtschultheiss wurde; er starb 1669 unverheiratet. Der ältere Sohn des Rats *Johann Christoph, Ferdinand Rudrauff*, 1694-1762 lebend, standals Kriegszahlmeister und Kriegsrat in Darmstadt. Er ist nachweislich der einzige der den Mannsstamm des Kilian Rudrauff fortpflanzte.

Das Stipendium des Kilian Rudrauff.

Der Professor und Superintendent *Kilian Rudrauff* stiftete am letzten Ostertag des Jahres 1688 ein Stipendium von 600 Gulden für seine Familie. Er bestimmte dabei, dass die Zinsen dieses Betrags zunächst von seinem Sohne *Johann Friedrich*, solange er studiere, zum Studium genossen werden sollten, dann von den Kindern seines Sohnes *Johann Christoph* und sodann von andern Nachkommen seines Stammes. Sollten solche nicht bedürftig sein, so kanndas Stipendium auch an ein anderes tüchtiges Subject aus Schotten gegeben werden. Das Stipendium

wurde bei der Universität Giessen verwaltet. Erster Administrator war *Kilians* Sohn *Johann Christoph Rudrauff*, am 31 Dezember 1710 hanauischer Amtmann zu Bieber. Dann war Administrator der Stadtschultheiss *Rudrauff* zu Ortenberg und seit 1769 *Christian Ferdinand Rudrauff*, der in Darmstädt die Handlung betrieb, ein Sohn des Kriegsrats *Ferdinand Rudrauff* und Enkel des Amtmanns *Johann Christoph*.

Um die Mitte der 18 ten Jahrhunderts prozessierte der Enkel des *Kilian Rudrauff*, der Professor *Hilchen* zu Giessen, mit dem Amtmann *Johann Christoph Rudrauff* um das Stipendium, *Hilgen* hatte sich Gelder des Stipendiums geliehen, die er nicht zuruck gab, so dass das Stipendium mangels Einkünften nich vergeben werden konnte, Obwohl *Hilchen* seine Schuld anerkannte, scheint er doch nicht bezahlt zu haben, denn das Stipendium wurde spater nicht mehr verliehen.

*Fentstellung der Herkunft des Präceptors Johann
Friedrich Rudrauff zu Fauerbach.*

Aus den Kirchenbüchern zu Giessen ergibt sich, dass der Sohn des Professors *Kilian Rudrauff*, *Johann Friedrich*, erst im Jahre 1669 geboren ist. Da der bekannte älteste Sohn der Präceptors *Johann Friedrich Rudrauff* zu Fauerbach, *Christian Rudrauff* aber schon spätestens 1682, geboren wurde, kommt *Kilians* Sohn *Johann Friedrich* nicht als sein Vater in Betracht. Um die Mitte des 17 ten Jahrhunderts war die Familie *Rudrauff* in Hessen noch nicht weit verzweigt und es ist daher mit Sicherheit anzunehmen, dass der Präceptor *Johann Friedrich Rudrauff* nur der 1651 in Schotten geborene Sohn des *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff* gewesen sein kann.

Adam Friedrich Rudrauff selbst lasst in Schotten und Giessen 1647-61 Kinder taufen. Da er Soldat war, ist nicht ausgeschlossen, dass er gelegentlich auch an anderen Orten stand und noch weitere Kinder hatte, abgesehen davon, dass die Schottener Kirchenbücher sehr lückenhaft sind. Wahrscheinlich hat er schon einige Jahre vor 1647 geheiratet, denn seine Aufnahme in das Marburger Padagogium 1632 lässt darauf schliessen, dass er um 1620 geboren war, und 1669 heiratet auch bereits sein Sohn *Caspar* in Frankfurt. Um 1620 findet sich in Schotten nur *Kilians* Vater, der Stadtschreiber und Notar *Marcus Rudrauff*, in jüngeren Lebensjahren und im Ehestand. Er darf daher unbedenklich auch als *Vater des Adam Friedrich* angenommen werden.

Da *Marcus* wohl kurz vor 1642 gestorben ist und in Anbetracht der noch 1659 erfolgten Wiederverheiratung seiner Witwe damals noch nicht allzu alt gewesen sein mag, kann der 1631 verheiratete und 1636 vermutlich kinderlos verstorbene *Hector Wilhelm Rudrauff* keinesfalls auch ein Sohn der *Marcus*, sondern nur sein Bruder gewesen sein.

Als beider Vater kommt dann nur der 1618 erwähnte und noch 1622 lebende Forstschreiber Tobias Rudrauff zu Schotten in Betracht. Er ist der erste Rudrauff der sich in Hessen findet. Irgende ein direkter Hinweis auf seine Herkunft hat sich bisher nicht gefunden.

Einige Spuren lassen annehmen, dass die Familie aus Sachsen oder Schlesien eingewandert ist. Wenigstens kommt der Familienname dort ebenfalls im 17 ten Jahrhundert vor.

Das *Kirchenbuch zu Frankfurt a. Main* gibt an, dass dort am 4 Juni 1677 dem *Andreas Rudrauff von Schneeberg in Sachsen* ein Sohn *Gabriel* im Hospital verstorben ist.

Die *Matrikel der Universität Leipzig* nennen als Studentens 1640 *Christian Rudorff* von Plauen, 1647 *Wolfgang Rudorff* von da, 1650 *Andreas Rudorff* von da, 1659 *Johann Bernhard Rudorff* von Duderstadt in Sachsen, 1670 *Christ. Rudorff von Dregen*, 1679 *Jacob Rudroff* von Schafstätt in Meisen.

Weitere Ermittlungen in Sachsen Hatten bisjetzt keinen Erfolg. Insbesondere gab das Pfarramt in Schneeberg, dessen Kirchenbücher bis 1568 zurückreichen, auf Anfrage keine Antwort. Zu Nachforschungen an Ort und Stelle, die von einem sächsischen Familienforscher angeboten wurden, mussten erst die Geldmittel zur Verfügung gestellt werden.

SCHLUSSBEMERKUNG.

Mit vorstehenden Aufzeichnungen ist die Grundlage für eine Rudrauff'sche Familiengeschichte geschaffen. Allerdings liessen sich noch manche wertvolle Ergänzungen finden, die aber nur durch umfangreichere und unter Umständen auch weniger ertragreiche Forschungen gewonnen werden können. Diese wurden in Anbetracht des Wunsches der Bestellerin auf Beschleunigung und der gesetzten finanziellen Grenzen bisjetzt nicht begonnen.

So würden wohl genaue Angaben über alle Kinder von Kilian Rudrauffs Sohn Johann Christoph in den Kirchenbüchern von Bieber, Lissberg und etwaigen anderen Dienstorten vorhanden sein. Z. B. ist ein Johann Philipp Rudrauff, der 1787 in Hanau Burgen wurde, bisjetzt noch nicht unter zu bringen. Im Kirchenbuche zu Budesheim sind Angaben gerade über den Zweig des Adam Friedrich, von dem Mrs. Hoover abstammt, zu finden. Adam Friedrich war danach zuletzt Wittgenstein'scher Landeshauptmann: Anfrage bei den Archiven der

verschiedenen Linien der Fürsten von Sayn-Wittgenstein würden vielleicht Dienstzeit und Dienstort desselben ergeben und sodann Forschungen in den betreffenden Kirchenbüchern über seinen Tod und seine Ehefrau, die noch zu ermitteln ist, ermöglichen.

Die Darmstadter Nachkommen des Kilian Rudrauff konnten noch weiter verfolgt werden.

Der direkte Ahne der Mrs. Hoover, Johann Friedrich Rudrauff soll vor Fauerbach nach gewordener unverbindlicher Mitteilung als Schulmeister in Ostheim gestanden haben. Nachforschungen daselbst erbringen wohl das einwandfreie Geburtsdatum seines Sohnes Christian in Dortelweil (vor 1682!) und die Herkunft seiner Frau.

Ueberhaupt befriedigen die Ergebnisse bei den Nachforschungen nach den Stammmüttern der Mrs. Hoover noch garnicht. Es fehlt noch die Herkunft der Frauen von Johann Phillip in Dörigheim, Johann Friedrich und Adam Friedrich, die bei eingehenden Nachforschungen nach den Familien der Pathen ihrer Kinder vielleicht doch zu finden waren. Bekannt ist getzt nur die Frau des Christian Rudrauff zu Dortelweil und die Frau des Marcus Rudrauff zu Schotten. Kie als Stammmütter in Betracht kommende Frau des Christian Rudrauff stammt aus der alten Pfarrersfamilie Volcker oder latinisiert Plebanus, über die manches, aber noch unzusammenhängendes Material vorhanden ist.

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zu Binsch.

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Master tailor at Schotten

JOHN JACOB

JOHN ANDREA

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ELIZABETH

Was married 1658 at
Cronberg to ----

KILIAN RUDRAUFF

* 1627 at Schotten. † 1690 at Giessen
Professor and Superintendant at Giessen. Dr.
of Theology. ∞ 1656 Anna Maria Angelus.

JOHN CHRISTOPH

1742, ∞ 1689, 1710 Clerk at Biexer
Railivid Administrator at Biszburg
Councillor at Ochsenberg.

THEODORE LUDWIG

* 1665

JOHN FRIEDRICH

* 1669

JOHN HARTMANN

* 1667

1688 Student

AND

JOHN CHRISTOPH

1724
at Darmstadt 1703-1769, War Commissary at
Bisburg, 1728 at Ochsenberg, City Mayor.

TER

HEINRICH LUDWIG

+ 1726

CHRISTIAN FERDINAND

1738 Merchant at
Darmstadt

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GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE RUDRAUFF FAMILY OF SCHOTTEN IN UPPER HESSIA

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This table lists in general only the sons who reached maturity or whose life story is unknown. The investigations comprise the time from 1600 to 1750. Further particulars are given in the accompanying collection of sources

* Births
† Deaths
∞ Marriages

TOBIAS FRIEDRICH RUDRAUFF

* About 1560. Forest Clerk at Schotten in Upper Hessa, 1618-1622

MARCUS RUDRAUFF

* About 1590. † between 1632 and 42, City Clerk and Imperial Notary Public at Schotten.
∞ About 1615 Agnes Becherer

HECTOR WILHELM RUDRAUFF

At Schotten. ∞ 1631. Dead 1636.

JOHN

* About 1615 at Schotten
1627 Student of pedagogy at Marburg

ADAM FRIEDRICH RUDRAUFF

* About 1620 at Schotten -- † (before 1694 at -- Soldier
1647-54 at Schotten, 1657-61 at Geissen --- Land
Captain of Count Wittgenstein at --- ∞ before 1647 Dorthen.

ELIZABETH

Was married 1658 at
Cronberg to ---

KILIAN RUDRAUFF

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Professor and Superintendant at Giessen. Dr.
of Theology. ∞ 1656 Anna Maria Angelus.

JOHN CASPAR

*... †... ∞ 1667
Citizen and Hasier at
Frankfurt.

JOHN

* 1647 at Schotten

JOHN TOBIAS

* About 1615 at Schotten. 1627
Student of Pedagogy at Marburg.

ADELHEID MARGARETHE

∞ 1634 Pastor John Christoph
Rosenstengel Budesheim

JOHN FRIEDRICH

* 1651 at Schotten †... at
Fauerbach, Teacher first at.... about
1700-1722 at Fauerbach, ∞ Anna ----

JOHN CHRISTOPH

1660-1742, ∞ 1689, 1710 Clerk at Bieker
1723 Bailivid Administrator at Biszburg
1728 Councillor at Ochsenberg.

THEODORE LUDWIG

* 1665

JOHN FRIEDRICH

* 1669

1688 Student

* 1667

JOHN

* 1670

JOHN NICOLAUS

* 1675

JOHN CASPAR. HARTMANN

1673-1726, ∞ 1701
at Schotten at Darmstadt

JOHN MARTIN

* 1678

HANS HEINRICH

1679-1723
at Schotten

JOHN PETER

* 1682 Cloth
maker at Schotten

ANDREAS

* 1685, ∞ 1708 Surgeon
and City Captain at
Schotten

CHRISTIAN

1682-1731 Teacher
at Dorkelweil ∞ 1697
Anna Maria Völcker

JOHN GEORGE

1684-1718 Tailor
at Fauerbach

JOHN PETER

1693-1759
at Fauerbach

FERDINAND

1694-1762 ∞ 1724
War Councillor at Darmstadt

JOHN CHRISTOPH

1703-1769, War Commissary at
Bisburg, 1728 at Ochsenberg, City Mayor.

JOHN KILIAN

* 1702, ∞ 1726 † ----
Master tailor at Schotten

ANDREAS

* 1708

JOHN ADAM

* 1706

JOHN ANTON

* 1708

PETER

* 1701

HEINRICH

* 1701

WILHELM

* 1701

JOHN CHRISTOPH

* 1727

JOHN ADAM

* 1712 Surgeon
at Schotten

JOHN HEINRICH

* 1726

JOHN PHILLIP

1699-1722
Schoolmaster and
linen weaver at
Hochstadt.

PHIL JACOB

* 1706

JOHANNES

1710-1773 * 1716
Employee of the
Building Commissioner
at Frankfurt

CHRISTIAN

* 1716

CHRISTIAN

* 1716

* 1724

* 1726

1738 Merchant at
Darmstadt

JOHN JACOB

* 1729

JOHN ANDREAS

* 1733

ANDREAS

* 1743

JOHN

* 1727

JONAS

* 1731

Emigrated to America

JOHN BALTHASAR

* 1723

JOHN NICOLAUS

* 1730

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I. RUDRAUFF TRANSLATION

Johannes Rudrauff went to America in 1753, and is registered as a son of a Lutheran schoolmaster at Doernigheim, near Hanau. He had with him a letter of recommendation from the head masters linen weavers of Hessen-Hanau-Biliwick of Buchertal Linencrous. The family Rudrauff is descended from the Alsace, and is of kingly derivation of Rudolf of Habsburg, who was killed by Maximilian on account of revolt. There is surely a relationship with the Superintendent Kilian Rudrauff.

It is desired to study the derivation, the kingly derivation, and to know all that is to be known of Kilian Rudrauff and also with respect to the family coat-of-arms.

I. SEARCHINGS AT HOCHSTADT.

The church book of Hochstadt where the Lutheran inhabitants of Doernigheim were united with this parish gives the following explanations:

Baptized: July 11, 1737, to the schoolmaster Johann Philipp Rudrauff at Doernigheim, a daughter, Maria Elisabeth, (Godmother: Maria Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Jakob Assman).

November 21, 1739, also a daughter: Johanna Catherina, (Godmother: Anna Catharina, woman of the Ernst Alt, suitable to a baron. Alt lived at Grosskarben.)

Confirmations: Children of the schoolmaster Johann Philipp Rudrauff: 1737 Anne Maria; 1742 Johannes, aged 15 years; 1746 Jonas, 15 years; 1747 Anna Margarete, 15 years; 1755 Anna Catherina, 15½ years.

Deceases: September 5, 1772 schoolmaster Rudrauff, age 70 years. January 7, 1776, the wife of the schoolmaster, Johann Phillip Rudrauff. March 5, 1804, Maria Elisabeth, the daughter of the schoolmaster.

Communicants: 1770 Kleber of Nidda, who lived in the schoolmaster's house as a linen weaver's journeyman.

There was never a grand duke of Hessen-Hanau-Bucherthal. Grand dukes existed only about the year 1800, and afterwards. The letter of recommendation of 1753 is a charter of the principal master of the linen weavers of the princely magistracy of Hessen-Hanau, to which Doernigheim belonged. To the Johann Rudrauff as a valuable journeyman and linen weaver, signed by Johann Rowe (probably the high bailiff), by the principal-master, Johann Heinrich Rollmann, and the master, Johann Philipp Rudrauff.

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Explanations: Johann Philipp Rudrauff came to Doernigheim as a schoolmaster about 1737. He was born about the year 1700, and was married in 1722, for in the year 1737 one child was confirmed. He was not a schoolmaster*, but a linen weaver master, from what we see at the end of his son's letter of recommendation, and because he had a journeyman.

Johann Philipp Rudrauff had six children at Doernigheim: Anna Maria, born 1722; Johannes, born 1727; Jonas, Anna Margarete, born 1733; Maria Elisabeth, born 1737, died 1804; Johanna Catharina, born 1739. The derivation of Johann Philip Rudrauff and his former domiciles were not to be found at Hochstadt.

II. SEARCH FOR THE DERIVATION OF THE SCHOOL-MASTER, JOHANN PHILIPP RUDRAUFF, AT DOERNIGHEIM.

The single hint for the search was the mention of the wife of *Ernst Alt* at *Grosskarben* in 1739, as godmother of the *Johanna Catharina Rudrauff* in the church book at Hochstadt-Doernigheim. In the church book of *Grosskarben* there was noticed the baptism of a daughter of

*He was a schoolmaster, according to the church letter.

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Ernst Alt. She was born on November 26, 1736, and has the name Maria Magdalena; her godmother was the daughter of the chief magistrate *Pilger* at *Dortelweil*. The family *Alt* is only once mentioned in the church book at *Dortelweil*.

Dortelweil is a little village near the hessischer Friedberg, near by Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Search at Dortelweil: February 9, 1736, the neighbor *Ernst Alt* married the widow of the schoolmaster *Christian Rudrauff*.

Further search gave the following: The Doernigheim schoolmaster *Johann Philipp Rudrauff* was born 1699 at *Dortelweil* as a son of the schoolmaster *Christian Rudrauff*, and that he himself lived there as a linen weaver from 1722-1724. His wife in that time (probably his first wife) was named Anna Barbara. When and where he married her and also his second wife, Maria Elisabeth, is not yet known. We do not yet know about his wife's descent.

There is also still to be found where he was and where he lived from 1724-1737. In this year 1737 he was first noticed at Doernigheim.

III. NOTICES IN THE CHURCH BOOK AT DORTELWEIL.

Marriage: June 15, 1669, Mister Johann Conrad Volcker, S. S. theological trained schoolmaster, and Anna Maria Faber, daughter of Erics Faber, neighbor and farrier-master.

Baptized: September 24, 1672. Maria, daughter of the schoolmaster Volcker.

Buried: December 3, 1714, the studied schoolmaster, Johann Conrad Volcker, age 80 years, 15 weeks, and 2 days. December 28, 1726, Anna Maria, widow of the schoolmaster Johann Conrad Volcker, age 76 years, 10 months, 20 days.

Buried: March 5, 1720, Maria, wife of Christian Rudrauff, age 47 years, 5 months, 14 days.

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September 19, 1729, Susanna Catharina, wife of Christian Rudrauff, age 37 years, 9 months, 8 days.

February 19, 1731, Christ. Rudrauff, schoolmaster, age 48 years, 9 months, 2 days.

Marriages: January 17, 1730, Christian Rudrauff, schoolmaster and widower, and Anna Catharina Streb, daughter of Johannes Streb, at Praunheim.

February 9, 1736, Neighbor Johann Ernst Alt there and Anna Catharina Rudrauff, widow of the schoolmaster Christian Rudrauff.

To the schoolmaster Christian Rudrauff, who was married three times:

1. With Anna Maria Volcker, 1697.
2. With Susanna Catharina Crauser, 1720.
3. With Anna Catharina Streb, 1730.

Eleven children were baptized:

February 21, 1699, Johann Philipp, godfather his brother-in-law, Johann Philipp Volcker.

January 21, 1701, Christoph, died December 17, 1728, godfather, the pastor, Johann Christian Rosenstengel at *Budesheim*.

August 15, 1706, Philip Jakob, godfather the son of the Hananisch court-tailor Martin Huhn.

June 30, 1710, Johannes, godfather Johann Greim, landlord of the "White Swan," at Ober-Roden.

March 26, 1721, Anna Catharina, godmother Anna Catherina, wife of the neighbor and cartwright Johann Philipp Crauser, at Cronberg as grandmother.

January 15, 1723, Johann, Balthasar, godfather schoolmaster, Johann Balthasar Lentz, at Cronau.

April 5, 1725, Susanna Catharina, godmother, wife of Mr. Johann Anselm Munch, at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

June 26, 1727, Eva, died August 5, 1727.

September 17, 1729, Maria Elizabeth, godmother, wife of Johann Philipp Crauser, at Cronberg.

September 9, 1730, Johann Nikolaus.

January 9, 1732, of the widow a son, Johann Wilh. buried March 24, 1732.

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Two children of Johann Philipp Rudrauff, neighbor and linen weaver at Dortelweil, and his wife, Anna Barbara, were baptized.

January 31, 1722, Maria Petronella, godmother Anna Maria Sartoric, wife of Peter Sartoric, at Kilians Statten.

February 4, 1724, Anna Margarete.

Conclusions: The linen weaver and schoolmaster Johann Philipp Rudrauff was born 1699 at Dortelweil. A son of the schoolmaster Christian Rudrauff was born about March 13, 1682, and died at the age of 48 years (if the dates are correct). He had married at the age of 15 years, 4 months, a wife ten years older than himself.

The derivation of Christian Rudrauff was not to be found at Dortelweil. Perhaps we find explanations in the families of the godfathers and godmother at Budesheim, Hanau, Ober Roden, Cronberg, Kilians Statten, Gronau, and Frankfort. The wife of Johann Philipp Rudrauff could be found perhaps at Kilians Statten.

IV. PRACEPTOR JOHANN FRIEDRICH RUDRAUFF AT FAUERBACH, FATHER OF CHRISTIAN RUDRAUFF AT DORTELWEIL WAS THE PRACEPTOR JOHANN FRIEDRICH RUDRAUFF, WHO WAS AT FAUERBACH SINCE 1710.

Where Johann Friedrich Rudrauff descends has not yet been found. If there are in the archives of Solms-Rodelheim, belonging to a count, accounts of the schoolmaster, they can perhaps give us something. Johann Friedrich must have been born before 1660, when the birthday of Christian Rudrauff at Dortelweil was in 1682. About this time two Johann Friedrich Rudrauffs are mentioned; the first, a son of a fourier Adam Friedrich

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Rudrauff at Schotten and Giessen, and the other, a son of his brother, the Superintendent (high clergyman) Kilian Rudrauff at Giessen. Other families of Johann Friedrich Rudrauff could not have lived at that time, because the Rudrauffs had not yet lived very long in Hessen. There is also to be found the birthdays of the two Johann Friedrich Rudrauffs. That will follow as soon as possible.

January 22, 1722, Maria Elisabeth.

February 18, 1723, Hermann, godfather: Herman Link at the magistrate's cellar of Solms-Rovelheim at Sodel.

Buried: July 2, 1759, Johann Peter Rudrauff, age 66 years.

May 14, 1722, Anna, the wife of the Mister schoolmaster Rudrauff.

We see that there must have been still in office at Fauerbach in 1722 a schoolmaster Johann Friedrich Rudrauff. He must have been there long years in his office, for his two sons dwelt there as inhabitants after the death of their father. His death is not to be found in the church book. It is probable that he was away and died elsewhere. His death could have been about 1726-1730. In these years there are no notices in the church books. The two sons, *Johann George* and *Johann Peter*, living at *Fauerbach*, were probably born about 1684 and 1693. There are no notices of their birth in the church books at Fauerbach, which are well marshaled at that time. Therefore their father was not yet there.

The fact that the schoolmaster Christian Rudrauff at Dortelweil had been godfather once of the two brothers Rudrauff at Fauerbach makes it possible to conclude that he was a near parent of them. It is sure that he was their brother and was the father of the Christian Rudrauff.

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IV. PRACEPTOR-SCHOOLMASTER JOHANN FRIEDRICH RUDRAUFF AT FAUERBACH.

By chance we knew that there is mentioned the name of *Rudrauff* at Fauerbach near to *Friedberg* (Oberhessen). Now Fauerbach belongs to the town of Friedberg.

We hear the following:

Married: May 13, 1710, Johann George Rudrauff, tailor-journeyman, and Anna Eva, daughter of the inhabitant Johann Rudolph.

Baptized: Children born to them:

February 10, 1712, Anna Dorothea, godmother, Anna Dorothea Rudolph.

February 13, 1716, Christian, godfather, schoolmaster Christian Rudrauff at Dortelweil.

Buried: August 10, 1718, Johan George Rudrauff, age 34 years.

Married: July 31, 1721, Johan George Philippi, tailor, and Anna Eva, widow of Johann George Rudrauff.

April 30, 1719, Johann Peter Rudrauff, son of the schoolmaster Johann Friedrich Rudrauff with of Bruchen-Crucken.

To him and to his wife Maria Elisabeth children baptized:

May 28, 1720, Christian, godfather, the schoolmaster Christian Rudrauff, of Dortelweil.

January 22, 1722, Maria Elizabeth.

February 18, 1723, Hermann, godfather: Hermann Linck of the Court wine-cellar of the Count of Solms-Rodelheim at Sodel.

From these entries it is found that *at least in Fauerbach there was still in office in 1722 a teacher, John Friedrich Rudrauff*. He must have been employed there some years, for two of his sons remained there as inhabitants after his death. The notice of his death is lacking in the church register; if perhaps he did not die elsewhere, then the time of his death might be held to fall between 1726 and 1730, in which there are no entries. The two

sons, *John George* and *John Peter*, living in Fauerbach, were born 1684 and 1693, according to the age given at their death. Since their baptismal entries are not found in the Fauerbach church register, kept at that time as it should be, their father must then not have been teacher in Fauerbach.

From the fact that the *Teacher, Christian Rudrauff of Dortelweil*, was asked to be godfather once in the home of each of the two Rudrauff brothers, established in Fauerbach, it can be concluded that he was closely related to them. It might be safe to conclude that he was their brother, and that therefore the *father of Christian Rudrauff at Dortelweil* was likewise the *Teacher, John Friedrich Rudrauff, employed in Fauerbach from 1710 on*.

The origin of this John Friedrich Rudrauff of Fauerbach has not been settled up to the present. (In case there should be in the archives at Assenheim of Count Solms-Rodelheim registries concerning the filling of teachers' places in the domain of the Count of that time, these might possibly give information.) John Friedrich was probably born before the year 1660, even if one assumes the birth of Christian at Dortelweil to be actually only in 1682, which is, however, very doubtful.

Two John Friedrich Rudrauffs of this time are mentioned, the first a son of the quarter-master, *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff* of Schotten and Giessen, and the other a son of his brother, Superintendent *Kilian Rudrauff* in Giessen. Other *John Friedrich Rudrauffs* could hardly have been living at that time in consideration of the still comparatively recent appearance of the family in Hessen. Therefore the life dates of these two John Friedrich Rudrauffs must be established, which occurs in what follows. Superintendent means Bishop.

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STATE-ARCHIVES OF DARMSTADT.

Exchequer (chamber) account of 1618 at Darmstadt:

Tobias Friedrich Rudrauff, forest-secretary in the forest of Sternfels, dwells probably at *Schotten VIII*, 1 Conv. 25 Nr. 4, damages of war in the Oberfurstenteim (possession of the first chief prince) of Hessen, in occasion of the Brauschoveiger invasion of 1622 at Schotten;

Tobias Friedrich Rudrauff, forest-secretary, has taken 120 rise-dollars (money); of wine 250 rise-dollars; of household furniture and of other things, 80 rise-dollars.

Marcus Rudrauff, town clerk, subscribes the protocol.

Matricula of the University and of the Educational Institute of Marburg.

1627 in the Educational Institute: Johannes Rudrauff, Schotten is.

1622 in the Educational Institute: Adam Friedrich Rudrauff, Schotten is.

ACTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GIESSEN.

Scholarship (allowance) of the town of Schotten; November 8, 1632, *Marcus Rudrauff* still lives at Schotten as town secretary and notarius publicus. He died before 1642.

In 1642 his son *Kilian Rudrauff* received the scholarship; his mother *Agnes Rudrauff*, widow, subscribed the reverse of his recognizance to the pure Lutheran doctrine.

Church Book at Schotten in Oberhessen.

Marriages: 1629-38, 1649-1745.

Buried: 1629-34, 1640-41, 1647-71, 1698, 1703-27.

Baptized: 1647-73, 1679-86, 1697-1744; all with many omissions.

Marriages: May 16, 1631, *Hector Wilhelm Rudrauff* and *Sophia Schmaltz*.

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December 5, 1636, princely hessisch chief-huntsman, *Hans Saitz* and *Sophia*, widow of *Mr. Hector Wilhelm Rudrauff*.

September 27, 1659, *Mr. Kilian Orth* and *Agnes*, widow of *Mr. Marse Rudrauff*.

June 2, 1701. *Caspar Rudrauff* and *Anna Elizabeth Ruhl*.

November 22, 1708, *Mr. Andreas Rudrauff* and *Anna Christina Rodenberger*.

May 16, 1726, *Johann Kilian Rudrauff* and *Barbara Maria Weitz*.

May 13, 1734, *Johann Joachim Borger* of *Wald-Boekelheim* in the *Pfalz* and *Anna Elizabeth Rudrauff*.

November 10, 1741, *Johan Heinrich Spamer* and *Anna Margarethe Rudrauff*.

Buried : March 16, 1633, a boy of 13 years, son of *Marcus Rudrauff*, town clerk, member, etc.

March 31, 1651, *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff*, son of, 4 years less 11 weeks.

March 27, 1657, a little son of the same, aged 2 years and 17 weeks.

January 17, 1698, a little son of *Johann Heinrich Rudrauff*, name, *Johann Tobias*, age, more than one year.

February 18, 1703, *Johann Henrich Rudrauff* pressed to death in the saw mill of the town by a rampart tree, age 9 years.

February 3, 1707, a little son of *Henrich Rudrauff*.

January 1, 1709, a little son of *Caspar Rudrauff*.

February 23, 1710, a little son of *Andreas Rudrauff*.

May 4, 1710, *Mr. Rudrauff*, captain.

September 10, 1711, a little son of *Andreas Rudrauff*.

August 28, 1716, a child of *Mr. Andreas Rudrauff*.

March 12, 1720, the old widow of the captain, named *Margarethe Rudrauff*, age 69 years.

January 1, 1721, a little son of the captain, *Andreas Rudrauff*.

April 21, 1723, *Hans Henrich Rudrauff*, age 44 years.

January 28, 1726, *George Friedrich Rudrauff*, age 4½ years.

December 7, 1726, *Caspar Rudrauff*, age 53 years.

March 30, 1727, *Kilian Rudrauff's* daughter *Anna Maria*, 9 wks. old.

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Baptized: (1) To Adam Friedrich Rudrauff:

June 20, 1647, *a little son, godfather, Johann Weber (junior) of Ulrichstein.*

February 22, 1649, *a little son, godfather, Johann Jr., captain lieutenant.*

November 28, 1651, son *Johann Friedrich*, godfather, Friedrich Schwalb.

December 1, 1654, son *Johann Adam.*

(2) To Johann Tobias Rudrauff:

January 5, 1682, two sons: *Johann Adam* and *Johann Peter.*

February 24, 1685, son *Andreas.*

(3) To Johann Fleurich Rudrauff and to his wife Anna Margaretha. They were married before 1697 for the wife was godmother of a daughter of Johannes Becker.

January 19, 1701, *Peter.*

September 7, 1705, *Anna Margaretha.*

(3a) To Hans Henrich Rudrauff (the same?)

August 12, 1706, *Daughter, godmother the wife of Johann George Leuning.*

January 3, 1710, *Henrich Wilhelm.*

August 25, 1715, *daughter, godmother the wife of Johann Daniel Wagner.*

(4) To Johann Caspar Rudrauff.

February 17, 1702, *Kilian*, godfather his brother-in-law, Kilian Ruhl.

March 23, 1708, *Andreas*, godfather his brother Andreas Rudrauff.

July 12, 1712, *Anna Margaretha*, godmother, the wife of Hans Henrich Rudrauff.

(5) To Mr. Andreas Rudrauff, 1716 Lieutenant, 1721 captain of the town.

January 22, 1710, *Tobias Friedrich*, godfather, Mr. Johann Tobias Rudrauff, captain.

January 23, 1711, *Anna Barbara.*

July 6, 1712, *Johann Adam.*

November 29, 1714, *Johann Casper*, godfather his brother Casper Rudrauff.

September 3, 1716, *Anna Elizabeth*, godmother the daughter of the pastor of Budesheim (not married).

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Baptized: November 19, 1718, *Johann George*.

July 12, 1721, *George Friedrich*.

September 10, 1726, *Johann Heinrich*.

(6) To the tailor master, *Johann Kilian Rudrauff*.

January 5, 1727, *Anna Maria*.

August 31, 1729, *Johann Jakob*.

August 5, 1733, *Johann Andreas*, godfather, Mr. *Andreas Rudrauff*, surgeon.

(7) To *Johann Peter Rudrauff*, 1732 Clothworker, 1743 wool weaver.

February 28, 1727, *Johann Christoph*, godfather, organist
Johann Christoph Soldan of Crainfeld.

March 18, 1730, *Johanna Elizabetha*.

November 23, 1732, *Elisabeth*.

March 20, 1735, *Anna Gertraud*.

March 1, 1742, *Juliana Margaretha*, godmother the old cellar woman of Burggrafenrode, named, Mrs. *Juliana Ellenbergerin*.

(8) To the surgeon *Johann Adam Rudrauff*:

March 24, 1743, *Andreas*.

July 9, 1744, *Anna Christina*, godmother the mother of the father *Anna Christoph*, wife of the surgeon *Andreas Rudrauff*.

Donations to the Church at Schotten.

1687 *Mr. Superintendent Rudrauff* has given 22 fl. 2 hr. 12 pf. because a half year only one scholar has been fed.

1688 *H. D. Rudrauff* has given the *Kilian's* little breads, 2 fl.

Church Book of Giessen.

Baptized: Town church, November 19, 1657, to *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff*, soldier, and to his wife *Dorothea*, a daughter *Adelheid Margaretha*, godparents, *George Schwalb* of Schotten, *Margarethe*, wife of the ensign *Johann Veltzenbach*, *Adelheid*, daughter of the *Niclas Roeder*.

Castle church, May 26, 1661, to *Adam Friedrich Rudrauff*, reformed quartermaster of Schotten, and to his wife *Dorothea*, a son, *Kilian Christoph*. Godparents, *Professor M.*

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Kilian Rudrauff, Anna Catharina, wife of Johann Nicolaus Schupp.

Church Book of Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Baptized: To the citizen and hosier, Johann Casper Rudrauff, and to his wife, Susanna:

October 9, 1670, *Johannes*.

June 12, 1673, *Anna Margaretha*.

December 5, 1675, *Johann Nicolaus*.

Buried: To the same 1681, June 22, a little son *Engelhard*.

Church Book of Darmstadt.

Marriages: May 18, 1701, *Hartmann Rudrauff*, soldier, son of the citizen and the general captain of a country, *Johann Tobias Rudrauff* of *Schotten* with *Anna Catharina Martinsheimer* (1706 he is soldier of the guards).

Baptized: To the same children:

October 16, 1703, *Anna Catharina*.

December 12, 1704, *Johanna Magdalena*.

September 22, 1706, *Johann Adam*.

November 23, 1708, *Johann Anton*.

December 29, 1715, *Anna Catharina*.

Church Book of Pfungstadt near Darmstadt.

Marriage: June 25, 1716, *Hartmann Rudrauff*, viduus, and *Catharina Elisabeth*, widow of Nicel Kelfromann.

Church Book of Giessen (town church).

Marriage: November 10, 1656, Magister *Kilian Rudrauff* and *Anna Maria*, daughter of the pastor, *Bernhard Engel*, at Ruesselheim.

Baptized children to the same:

February 22, 1658, *Anna Elizabeth*, godmothers, his mother Anna, at Schotten, his sister *Elisabeth* at Cronberg; Elisabeth Catharina, wife of the Dr. Medicine Johann Gottfried Geilfuss at Butzbach.

April 30, 1660, *Johann Christoph*, god parents, S. S. Theological Dr. Johann Nikolaus, Mister, senate-juror Oyer, Christoph

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Baptized :

Voelcker at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Anna Margaretha, wife of the Dr. Med. Johann Cackins.

December 8, 1661, *Susanna Christina*, godmothers, *Susanna*, wife of Wilhelm Engel at Frankfort; *Margaretha Christina*, wife of the pastor Magister Bernhard Engel at Ruesselsheim.

November 29, 1663, *Maria Juliana*.

August 29, 1665, *Theodor Ludwig*.

February 24, 1667, *Johann Hartmann*.

August 5, 1669, *Johann Friedrich*.

December 22, 1670, *Maria Elisabeth*.

December 19, 1672, *Anna Maria*.

August 20, 1674, *Anna Catharina*.

October 28, 1676, *Barbara Catharina*.

October 22, 1680, *Maria Magdalena*.

Marriages: May 23, 1676, *Johann Helfrich Clotz*, juris utriusque, hessisch, counsellor, and *Anna Elisabeth*, daughter of the Dr. Professor *Kilian Rudrauff*.

May 17, 1689, *Johann Christoph Rudrauff*, son of the Professor Dr. Kilian Rudrauff and *Elisabeth Margarete*, daughter of the princely counsellor Mylins.

Church Book at Butzbach.

Marriages :

February 23, 1699, Dr. Medicine, *Johann Philipp Flilchen* at Friedberg and *Catharina Barbara*, daughter of the dead professor and superintendent *Kilian Rudrauff* at Giessen.

Further marriages of daughters of Kilian Rudrauff, Strieder, foundation of a hessisch learned men history, 1799 book 12: *Susanna Christina*, married to the preussisch governor *Anton von Drach* in the country Hohenstein.

Anna Catharina married to the secretary *Fleuning* at Hanau.

Church Book at Echzell in the Wetteran.

Hartmann Balthasar Cronacher, Doctor and counsellor at Echzell, married on February 25, 1696, to *Anna Catharina*, daughter of the professor Kilian Rudrauff at Giessen. She died at Echzell on March 6, 1701.

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Therefore it is to be supposed that the date of Strieder is an error, when the date of the death (which I have not sought myself) in the church book of Echzell is right.

Maria Juliana married to Magister Johann Christopher Held, who died 1696, teacher at Ruesselsheim.

Literature of Kilian Rudrauff.

Hessisches heave offering I b. Page 490 ff. Vita Kilian Rudrauffii Protheovia. Theologica ej. ese. edit J. B. Rudigeri prafisea generalis et specialis Giessen 1676-1711. *Strieder* foundation of a hessisch learned men and author history, 1799, band book 12 page 134 ff with a detailed enumeration of his works. Feast writing of the 300 jubilee of the University of Giessen 1907. Band II. The scholarship house. Page 64 with the reproduction of the picture of Rudrauff.

Rudrauff at Ortenberg, especially Johann Christoph.

Kilian Rudrauff's son Johann Christoph was after having been at different places in princely hanauisch and land country hessisch services, at last as county Stolbergischer councillor at Ortenberg in Oberhessen (landscape). The church book there has under the buried the following notes of him and his family. Among the baptised and married there are no Rudrauffs.

February 19, 1730, died in the dwelling of the Stolbergisch councillor *Mr. Rudrauff*, the eldest son of *Friedrich Wilhelm Moseler*. *Christoph Wilhelm Ludwig*, born at Lissberg May 12, 17—. He had been there with his grandparents and was buried at 7 o'clock in the evening with 18 torches and under the peal of three bells.

May 30, 1739, *Mrs. Maria Juliana*, died, the daughter of Dr. and Superintendent *Kilian Rudrauff* and also the widow of Mr. Pastor Held of Ruesselsheim, 74 years old.

May 7, 1742, *Mr. Johann Christoph Rudrauff* died, princely Holbergischer councillor and high bailiff there, age 82 years; was buried at the 10. ej. in the evening with torches on the church-yard. The funerals began at seven o'clock in the church. He had chosen himself the words of the sermon.

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December 16, 1742, the widow of Mr. Johann Christoph Rudrauff dies, princely Holbergischer councillor and high bailiff, *Anna Maria*, 64 years, 10 months old.

May 14, 1769, Mr. Johann Christoph Rudrauff, formerly chief magistrate there, died, age 66 years, 3 months, 4 days old. He had consumption, and was buried on May 17th, with a short sermon according to his will.

We know from these notes that the councillor Johann Christoph Rudrauff was born about 1660, and had a daughter, who was the wife of the bailiff Moseler at Lissberg, and had also a sister, who was the wife of Mr. pastor Held at Ruesselsheim, and that probably the chief magistrate born 1703, Johann Christoph Rudrauff was his son.

Exact notes of the children of the councillor *Johann Christoph Rudrauff* at Orbenberg will bring the church books of his different office places, which are not yet all known. Still now we know that he was in princely Hananischen, then land county Hessischen, and at last at county Holbergischen services.

Church Book at Darmstadt.

Ferdinand Rudrauff, 1724, was paymaster at Darmstadt, also was cashier, 1756 chief war paymaster and war councillor, died November 16, 1762, age 68 years, 4 months, 3 days. He was born in 1694. Married February 1, 1724, as son of the administrator of the office Johann Christopher Rudrauff at Lissberg with *Johanna Maria*, daughter of the war councillor Johann Peter Sturtz at Darmstadt. The family Sturtz shall be of Sweden.

The family history table of the Johann Peter Sturtz is known up to the 16th century.

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To Ferdinand Rudrauff children batized :

October 31, 1724, *Christopher Peter*.

January 15, 1726, *Heinrich Ludwig*, died young.

February 20, 1728, *Maria Elisabeth Dorothea*, godmother her grandmother, Maria Margarethe, wife of the councillor Christoph Rudrauff at Ortenberg.

April 13, 1735, *Elisabeth Friederike Dorothea*.

February 26, 1737, *Magdalena Elisabeth*.

April 31, 1738, *Christian Ferdinand*.

September 15, 1739, *Charlotta Augusta*.

....., *Susanna Dorothea Sophia*. She married on December 8, 1763, the pastor Gottlieb Hofmann at Auerbach in the Bergstrasse.

*State Archives at Darmstadt, Military Functionaries
VIII, 2 to a 72.*

Johann Christoph Rudrauff is 1723 war commissioner. 1752, march commissioner. He lived in 1724 at Lissberg and 1728 at Ortenberg. P. 17.

Dr. Kilian Rudrauff was born on July 17, 1627, at Schotten, as son of the town secretary and notary Marcus Rudrauff and his wife Agnes Becherer. After a good school education in the latin schools at Schotten and Marburg, he studied philosophy and theology, and became in 1650 teacher at the educational institute of Giessen. After having gained the magister degree and had become in 1654 scholarship major he was charged with the professorship of ethics and in 1661 also with those of the logics and methaphysics, and also with the regular professorship of the theology, where he accepted the doctor degree. He died at Giessen on September 15, 1690, after a richly blessed life.

Kilian Rudrauff was not only at Giessen, but also in other parts much famous as pastor and studied teacher. He was honored on account of his care of the benefits of

the professors and students, and on account of his scientific capacities. His instruction activity was a great scientific raising of the university, and his numerous works were long extended over the whole land and acknowledged of the science. Strieder's work of the history of the studied men contains a detailed catalog of his works.

Besides his instruction's activity, Rudrauff worked profitably in the administration of the university. Thus he made a process in execution of the survey and brought it to a good end. He gained of it so much money that the salary of the professors could be much bettered. His administration of the university bibliothecary and his activity as Paedagogiarch professor promoted his institutes. Rudrauff took care especially of the corporal welfare of the students by the furtherance of the scholarship institute in ordering the reparation of the old scholarships and gained also new ones. (One of his own scholarships founded 1688 for his own family did not flourish on account of the disunion of his heirs.) P. 18.

He promoted also the spiritual welfare of his scholars by much attention to music in his institute.

Besides the eminent activity for the university he found time enough for a practical theological activity in the pastoral care and in the church administration. After having been since 1676 pastor of the Giessener town church and inspector of the Alsfelder and Gruenberger district and also assessor of the consistory, he took in 1683 the superintendency of the hessisch Darmstadtisch parishes of the Marburger district besides his professorship. Kilian Rudrauff was married the 10th of November, 1656, with Anna Maria Angelus, daughter of the pastor Bernhard Angelus at Ruesselsheim, who derived from an old Marburger, celebrated citizen and pastor

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family. She was also by her grandmother a descendant of the famous *Superintendent Peter Voltzinsat Darmstadt*. We know of his descendants who came to mature years, 5 daughters and 2 sons. The daughters married into the famous families: *Clotz von Drach, Hilchen, Kronacher, and Held*. We do not yet know what has become of the younger one of the sons, born 1669 and named *Johann Friedrich*. 1690 he was a student. The eldest son, born 1660, *Johann Christopher*, became administration functionary; he seemed to have been a very restless man. We find him at his marriage in 1689 at Giessen in Hessisch-Darmstaedischen services; 1710 he is bailiff of the court of Hessen-Hanau at Bieber, and about 1720 he is again in hessisch-darmstaedischen services as administrator at Lissberg. Since 1728 until his death, 1742, he was councillor of the court of Stolberg at Ortenberg. There lived also his son *Johann Christopher*, who first was hessisch war commissioner at Lissberg. There he lived with his father as town chief magistrate at Ortenberg. He died 1769 not married. The eldest son of the councillor *Johann Christopher Ferdinand Rudrauff*, from 1694-1762 was as war paymaster and as war councillor at Darmstadt. He is the single one who spread the male issue of Kilian Rudrauff.

The Scholarship of Kilian Rudrauff.

The professor and superintendent Kilian Rudrauff made at the last Easterday of the year 1688 a scholarship of 600 fl. for his own family. He determined that the interests of this sum should belong to his son *Johann Friedrich* as long as he studies, then to the children of his son *Johann Christoph*, and then to the descendants of his race. If they did not want them, the scholarship

could also be given to a *diligent subject* of Schotten. The scholarship was administrated of the university of Giessen. First administrator was Kilian Rudrauff's son, Johann Christoph Rudrauff. December 31, 1710, hana-nisch bailiff at Bieber. Then the town bailiff Rudrauff at Ortenberg was the administrator, and since 1769 Christian Ferdinand Rudrauff, who had a trade at Darmstadt, a son of the war councillor Ferdinand Rudrauff and grandson of the bailiff of Johann Christopher.

About the middle of the 18th century the grandson of Kilian Rudrauff, the professor Hilchen at Giessen processed with the bailiff Johann Christoph Rudrauff to gain the scholarship, who did not return it, so that the scholarship in want of revenues could not be lent out. Though Hilchen acknowledged his debt, he seems not to have paid, for the scholarship was later on not lent out.—P. 20—the family—race—table of the wife of Killian Rudrauff.

Settlement of the derivation of the praeceptor Johann Friedrich Rudrauff at Fauerbach.

We see from the church books of Giessen, that the son of the professor Kilian Rudrauff, *Johann Friedrich* was born in the year 1669. As the famous oldest son of the praeceptor Johan Friedrich Rudrauff at Fauerbach, *Christian Rudrauff* must have been born before 1682, so the son of Kilian Rudrauff, *Johann Friedrich* is not to be taken into consideration as his father. About the midst of the 17th century the family Rudrauff was not yet much branched out in Hessen, and it can be supposed with certainty that the praeceptor *Johann Friedrich Rudrauff* can only have been the son of Adam Friedrich Rudrauff, and that he is born 1651 at Schotten.

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Adam Friedrich Rudrauff himself has children baptized at Schotten and at Giessen 1647-61. As he was a soldier, it is not established that he was also at other places and that he had still other children, because the Schotten church books are very incomplete. Probably he was married some years before 1647, for his introduction into the Marburger Pedagogium 1632 suggests that he must have been born about 1620. About 1669 his son *Caspar* married at Frankfurt. About 1620 there is at Schotten only *Kilian's father*, the town clerk and notary *Marcus Rudrauff* in younger years, and in the marriage. He can be considered unscrupulously also as father of *Adam Friedrich*. As *Marcus* had died shortly before 1642, and considering that he must not yet have been too old with the re-marriage of his widow 1659, the *Hector Wilhelm Rudrauff* married 1631, and died 1636 without children, could not have been a son of *Marcus*, but only his brother.

As the father of both can be taken into consideration, only the forest clerk *Tobias Rudrauff* mentioned 1618, and living still in 1622 at Schotten. He is the first Rudrauff in Hessen. A direct pointing of his derivation could not be found until now.

Some traces suppose that the family has come out of Sachsen or Schlesien. At least this family name exists there also in the 17th century.

The church book of Frankfort-on-the-Main says that there on June 4, 1677, died a son in the hospital of *Andreas Rudrauff* of Schuceberg in Sachsen, named *Gabriel*.

The matriculas of the University of Leipsic name as students: 1640 *Christian Rudorff* of Plauen, 1647 *Wolfgang Rudorff* of Plauen, 1650 *Andreas Rudorff* from

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Hacre, 1659 *Johann Bernhard Rudorff* of Duderstadt in Sachsen, 1670 *Christian Rudorff* of Degen, 1679 *Jacob Rudroff* of Schafstatt at Meissen.

Further searches in Sachsen were without success until now. The office of the parson at Schuceberg, whose church books go until 1568 gave no answer. We must first have money to make searches in Sachsen. If desired, a Sachsischer professor could make them.

With all these records the fundamentals of the Rudrauff's family history is made. There could be found still worthy supplements who could be gained by more comprehensive and under circumstances less yielding inquiries. They were not yet made considering that Mrs. Hoover would have the work speedily and that she had restricted the financial limits.

There could be found also exact remarks of all children of Kilian Rudrauff's son Johann Christoph in the church books of *Biber Lissberg*, and at his other service places, for instance, there is a Johann Philipp Rudrauff, who was 1787 citizen of Hanau. We do not know where he was born. In the church book at Buedesheim there are notes of the branch of Adam Friedrich of whom Mrs. Hoover derives. Adam Friedrich was at last Wittgenstein's major. There were to be found in the archives of the different lines of the princes of Sayn-Wittgenstein perhaps, service time, and service place of him, and also searches in these books about his death and also searches about his wife.

There could be made further searches in the Darmstadter books about the descendants of Kilian Rudrauff.

Heinrich Heppel—1536. Katharina Spiess
(Married) *1520

Jenaunt Engel *10, 5, 1605 Darmstadt
*22, 4, 1597, Marburg
Shoemaker to Marburg

Johannes Konig
(Regulus) to
Stellheim in Marburg.

Petrus Voltzius—1544
1521-48.
Superintendent to Darmstadt. Anna —
Widow of
Pastor Jacob Generus.

Johannes Angelus
1542-1608
Superintendent to Darmstadt

Geil Engel— ———Konig
Shoemaker to Marburg.

Daniel Voltz—Elizabeth Weicker
1568 Student—1584 Schoolteacher to
Doerheim 1604 Kellor to Dornberg

Johannes Angelus—6, 5, 1605 Darmstadt. Elizabeth Voltz
*Marburg *9, 10, 1634 Stusselshiem.
1604 Sub Deacon of Darmstadt. 1605 Minister to Stusselshiem

Casper Silberg
*1614 Registrar to Darmstadt.

Bernhard Angelus—7, 10, 1633. Anna Maria Silberg
*2, 3, 1606. *21, 7, 1673, Stusselshiem.
Minister to Stusselshiem.

Anna Maria Angelus.
*1640. *U. F. 1684.
—10, 11, 1656, Geissom. Superintendent Killian Rudrauff.

Genealogy of Anna Maria Rudrauff, born Angelus.
Collected by Rudolph Shafer, Darmstadt, Summer 1924.

The direct descendant of Mrs. Hoover shall have been Fauerbach as schoolmaster at Ostheim. Searches will bring the exact birthday of his son Christian, at Dortelweil (before 1682) and the derivation of his wife. The results of the searches of the (race-mothers) ancestors of Mrs. Hoover do not yet satisfy. There still remains the derivation of the wives of Johann Philipp at Doernigheim, of Johann Friedrich and of Adam Freidrich, who could be found with further searches of the families of the godparents of their children. There is only known the wife of Christian Rudrauff at Dortelweil, and the wife of Marcus Rudrauff at Schotten. The ancestors: the wife of Christian Rudrauff derives of the old pastor's family Voelcker, or in Latin, Plebanus, of which there are also still some notes, but without connection.

CHAPTER I.

JOHANNES RUDRAUFF.

Son of Johannes Phillip Raudrauff of Hoachstadt and Doerningheim. The first American Rudrauff or Ruthrauff, of whom we have any record, was born in Doernigheim Kr. Hanau in the year 1727. And as his father and grandfather were master linen weavers as well as school masters, he naturally learned the trade of linen weaving.

He was of middle stature, had yellow hair and in his twenty-sixth year was given a certificate or letter of recommendation and started as journeyman linen weaver to earn his title of master. And I am told in addition to the six years he served as apprentice he was compelled to travel from place to place as journeyman to earn his master's degree. And as this certificate so laboriously earned and the church letter have been so carefully preserved and handed down in the family, we assume they were father and son and our ancestor. And that Johannes Rudrauff, who immigrated to this country in 1753 and settled in Northampton county and probably later in Chester and York county, Pennsylvania, son of Johannes Phillip of Hoachstat and Doernigheim of the Hanau region and the Johannes of Pennsburg, whose father was Phillip and who came from the Hanau region and arrived in America in 1753 and settled in the region north of Philadelphia, are one and the same, and our first American ancestors. It is from him we are building this history.

As the ship record of the state of Pennsylvania shows, he landed in Philadelphia, Penn., Oct. 2, 1753, on the ship Edinberg; Captain John Lyon of Rotterdam, but last from Cowes. The only one so far as we can find who came to America at that time.

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We cannot follow him from the time he landed but hear of him from time to time and find that in the church archives of Pennsburg, in the year 1755, the following marriage Banns were published.

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TRANSLATION OF THE RECORDS OF THE OLD GOSHENHOPPEN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

29. JOHANN RUDRAUFF, Lutheran, single. Father, Philip Rudrauff, from Qirinchheim of the Hanau region. Came to America in 1753. He is staying with Joseph Basler across the Schuylkiel. And Anna Barbara Hoffman, single, serves for Dickenscheidt. Proclaimed: I, at Oldgosch, Nov. 30, (1755)
II, at Oldgosch, Dec. 7, (1755)
Married Dec. 11, at Johannes Denig's place at Schippach.

It is recorded that Dec. 11, 1755, he married Anna Barbara Hoffman. My father, in giving me the history of Johannes Rudrauff—as they spelled the name in that day—thought his wife's name was Sheetz. But I now think he confused his paternal with his maternal great-grandmother, whose name was Sheets. As this is the only point of the record he gave me that I could not verify, and I feel quite certain that the Barbara Ruthrauff, of Newberry township, York county, Pa., who died intestate and for whose estate letters of administration were filed by the administrator October 8, 1799, and granted in 1802, June 22, book H, page 286, was his widow.

Mr. J. B. Hamma gave me this note he could not verify, but found among his York county notes of the family, that Johannes Rudrauff was a director or overseer of the poor during the Revolutionary war.

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ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Passport or Recommendation to Johannes Rudrauff, copied from an old German document owned by Mrs. Ignatius Gregory Ryder of Greencastle, Pa., and owned by her father, Charles Henry Ruthrauff:

We, the sworn Head and other Masters of the Honorable calling of Linenweavers in the illustrious Hessian Hananschen or (Hanau Station or Magistracy) bailiwick of (Bucherthols) hereby certify that the present journeyman of the (Chase) today—Johannes Rudrauff—was born in Dornig; (Doernigheim) is 27 years old, of middle stature, also has yellow hair and has worked with us six years. In that time he has shown himself to be truthful, industrious, peaceful, peaceloving and honorable as every linenweaver journeyman ought to be, of which we certify and, therefore, (on this account) our fellow masters collectively would duly request that this fellow workman be assisted in every way to the employment of his handicraft.

Done in the Magistracy of Bucherthols the 24th day of April in the year 1753 (born in 1726).

Witness:

Johannes Philipps Row, Head Master
Johannes Henry Rollman, also Master
where this fellow journeyman was in
employment.

Johannes Philipps Rudrauff



Nur Geschworne Zunft und andere

Meister des Lehrenleinweber Handwerks

In dem Hochfürstlich = Hessen = Hannauischen Amt = Zuchertals, beschei-
nigen hiemit das gegenwärtiger Gesell/ Kai. aus ^{Joseph Rudrauff} ~~Joseph Rudrauff~~
von Löwenheim — — gebürtig/ so 7 — Jahr alt/ und von Sta-

tur mit — auch ~~selben~~ — Haaren/ ist bey uns alhier — 6 Jahr — ~~Wochen~~ in Arbeit gestanden/
und sich in solcher Zeit über/ treu/ fleißig/ still/ friedlich und ehrbar/ wie einem jeglichen Leinenweber-Gezell ge-
bühet/ verhalten hat/ welches Wir attestiren/ und deßenthalben unsere sämtliche Mit-Meister/ diesen Gesellen
nach Handwerks Gebrauch überall zu fördern/ geziemend eruchen wollen. So geschehen/ Amts- Zuchertals
den 24^{ten} aprill Anno 1753

(L. S.) Geschworne
und
(L. S.) Zunftmeister

Joseph Hilbig's Käu
Joseph Franz Reeman



Aus Meistert/ wo dieser Gesell in Arbeit gestanden.
Joseph Hilbig's Käu

Letter of introduction given to Johannes Rudrauff from the Linen Weavers Association of Doernigheim and Hochstadt.

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He also tells me the early division of Pennsylvania was into three counties—Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester counties—and included all of Pennsylvania lying west of Chester county. And York was platted out of Lancaster county in 1750. So he might have easily traveled and lived for a time in each.

Tradition tells us that Johannes and three of his sons were killed in the Revolutionary war but I can find only the war record of Jonas and two months' service of Johannes.

I could not find the old bible record of his children but father remembered the names of several—three of whom, John, Henry and Jonas' descendants, I have secured full and authentic records. Others are Phillip, David, George and one daughter who married Michael Welty—his second wife. Her name was most likely Barbara as we find in a land transfer in the court records of New Philadelphia, Ohio, where the Weltys lived, the names of Michael and Barbara Welty, but could not locate her descendants.

From records of taxes and inhabitants of York county in magazines of Pennsylvania archives, for 1783, 3rd Series, in the Kansas City Library, I find the following:

- (1) John Rothrauff 195 acres, 4 male, and 3 female
- (2) Jonas Rothrauff 60 acres, 4 male, 4 female

				Taxes		
	Acres	Horses	Cattle	P.	S.	P.
1781 John Rothrauff	195	3	4	4	10	0
1782 John Rothrauff was a single man				3	00	0
Mt. Joy Township, York Co., Penn.						
	Acres	Horses	Cattle	P.	S.	P.
1782 Zacharias Rothrauff	125	2	2	7	2	8
1780 Jonas Rudrauff	00	1	0	5	0	0
1781 " "	00	1	2	0	10	4

Undoubtedly the above were the children of Johannes Ruthrauff.

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True copy of the "Naturalization Paper" of John Rudrof.

Received from J. H. Rutrough of Roanoke, Virginia.

"I do hereby certify:—That John Rudrof, of Chester County, hath voluntarily taken and subscribed to the 'Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity,' as directed by an 'Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania,' passed the 13th day of June, A. D. 1777.

Witness my hand and seal, the 13th day of June, A. D. 1778.

L. S.

DAN GRIFFITH. N. 153.

Printed by John Dunlap."

This, no doubt, is our Johannes. The original document has a very neat border around it and was printed and they used the old fashioned long "S" similar to "f." J. H. R.

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series 8, 2, Page 633.

John Rodroff, in Captain Samuel Fulton's payroll, from August 12 to October 12, 1781, York County Privates.

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, V. 2, Page 810.

John Rodreff, Muster Roll Captain Fulton's Co.

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series.

H. Ruthrauff, Corporal. Served in Captain Jeremiah Snider's Company from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, September 5th, 1812.

Phillip Ruthrauff, Private. York County, November 18th, 1788. Rettorn of the of John Henisse, in Dort Battaler, 8th Classe, Militia Rolls 1783-1790. V. 3, Page 1428. 6th Series, Page 633, V. 11, Page 432.

Election Returns. Phillip Rodrough for Commissioner.

Land Grants and Taxables, 3rd Series, Pennsylvania Archives, Dover Township, York County.

John Rudrauff, 1799, V. 21, Page 589. Had same amount of land in 1782.

Return of taxables. Acres, 195; Horses, 3; Cows, 5.

In record book, 3 M, PP. 236, there is a record of an indenture, Henry Ruthrauff granted under date of Oct. 28th, 1828.

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York Township, York County, 3rd Series.
Jonas Rudrauff, V. 21, Page 589. V. 11, Page 443-634.
Chester County, Return of Taxables.

		Acres	Cattle
		100	2
Chester County, 1769, V. Page 68.			
Acres	Cattle		
70	1		

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Vol. 2, Page 632.
Captain Samuel Fulton's Pay Roll from 12 of August to 12th
of October, 1781. York County Privates. John Rodroff.

Same, Page 810. Muster Roll of Captain Samuel Fulton's Co.
John Rodroff.

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Vol. II, pp. 788(c).
Camp Security, October 13th, 1781. This is to certify that John
Rodroff has served his full time in the Militia in the 5 class as
witness my hand.

Sam. Fulton, Capt.

Page 810. John Rodroff.

Muster Roll of Capt. Sam'l Fulton Co. of militia in York Co.,
Pa., now guarding the convention prison at Camp Security for the
month of Sept., 1781, under the command of Major John Edie.

Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Vol. XI, P. 432.

A report on election returns Feb. 5th, 1779. Philip Ruthrauff
elected as Commissioner of York Co., Pa.

Borough of York, Pa., 1790. First census of United States.

John Rodtrough

2 males, white, over 16

5 males, white, under 16

4 females, white

0 other free persons

0 slaves.

Pennsylvania, Archives, 6th Series, Vol. VII, P. 813.

Roll of Capt. Jeremiah Snider's company from Chambersburg,
afterward commanded by John McClintock in Col. Jeremiah Snider's
regiment. Sept. 5th, 1812. Corporal H. Ruthrauff.

Corporal H. Ruthrauff, I believe must be the Henry R. who was
my grandfather. His children (list) was sent you some time ago.

Roland L. Rudrauff.

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Notice in 1812 the name was spelled like we now spell it.

The picture of Rev. Johann and his wife, Anna Maria Hamma Ruthrauff which appeared in "Lutheran Womans Work," Sept., 1909, was taken from an old painting, and is a good representation of our pastors of a hundred and more years ago. This pioneer missionary was at the head of a family of American Lutheran pastors. His sons, Frederick and Johnathan, were eminent preachers, the former serving congregations in southeastern Pennsylvania and Maryland for nearly forty years, and the latter for twenty-five years. The grandson, William P. filled important pulpits in Ohio and Indiana, and the great-grandson, Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D. D., was the honored president of Carthage and Whittenberg Colleges.

Baptismal cap of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff was of white silk, made in four sections and four figures. Each section has the conventional pomegranite embroidered in gold and colors. The dark part of the lower leaves and the scrolls are green, the center lattice is pink and the small lattice triangle at the base of the center is blue; all other embroidery being in gold thread. The pomegranite belongs to the clergy and white silk and gold thread used only by the nobility.

(Photo and description given by Miss Mary L. Roedel.)



Rev. Johann Ruthrauff.
 Anna Maria Hamma Ruthrauff.
 Baptismal Cap of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff.

CHAPTER II.

REV. JOHANN RUTHRAUFF.

Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, son of Johannes and Anna Barbara Hoffman Rudrauft or Ruthrauff, was born in Northampton County, Penn., Jan. 14th, 1764. Died in Greencastle, Penn., Dec. 18th, 1837. He was deeply impressed with religious truths but did not commence his theological training until 1790, in his 26th year and preached his first sermon in 1793. In the documentary history of the E. Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states, and proceedings of annual conventions from 1748 to 1821, compiled and translated from records and archives and from the written Protocol, we find the name of Ruthrauff spelled various ways—Rothrauff, Rothraff, Routhrauff, Rudrauf, Radrauf and Ruthrauff and all the same man. Some times or places, his name was Johann and others Johannes Rothraff—Rev. Johann Ruthrauff. He is first mentioned in a report of ministerial meetings held at Reading, Pa., June 18th, 1794, in a resolution that Johannes Rothraff, with others be orally examined, in the afternoon from four to four-thirty p. m. and also that Johannes Rothraff receive a license as catechist for the congregations in Bermudin, Kesslers and Langedorfs and that he be under the supervision of the pastor at Yorktown, also as there was a call from Bermudin, Kesslers and Langedorfs for Mr. Rothraff.

At the 48th Convention or Synodical Meeting held at Philadelphia, May 31, 1795, he reports baptisms from the following parishes: Carlisle, Langesdorf, Christ Church, Bermudin, Schusters Church and Steltzens.

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Baptisms 93, Confirmed 52, Deceased 15. At a Ministerial meeting at Philadelphia, June 2, 1795, Mr. Rothrauff was appointed a licensed candidate for Grünkästel (Greencastle) Jacobs Church, Martins Church and Mercersburg.

At the 49th Convention at Yorktown, 1796, Johann Rothrauff attended from Grünkästel and reported 188 baptised, 92 confirmed, 219 communicants and 15 deceased. At the 50th Convention at Baltimore, 1797, Johann Rothrauff attended as a licensed candidate and his license was extended to Falling Springs and Scherers. Johann Rothrauff did not attend the 51st Convention at Lebanon, but sent written excuse. He attended 1799, at Lancaster as licensed candidate, also at McAllister in 1800 and excused himself from attendance in 1801. He was present at the 55th Convention, 1802, at Reading, from Grünkästel, 107 baptisms, 70 confirmed, 334 communicants and 5 schools. When he handed in his sermons and journals and license, at the 56th Convention, 1803, at Baltimore, he became an ordained preacher; and at the 58th Convention, held at Germantown, 1805, he preached in the Reformed Church. Gave 104 baptised, and communicants were 211 and 6 schools. He attended at Hagerstown, 1806, 59th Convention, reporting 84 baptisms, 107 confirmed, and 353 communicants.

To the 60th Convention, 1807, at Lancaster, he sent a letter of excuse. The 61st Convention, in 1808, at Lebanon, he attended as pastor from Greencastle and preached in the evening on James 1:21. At this time he was appointed with others to look over the report of the traveling preacher Stauch. He attended the 62nd Convention at Hanover and reported one congregation at Greencastle, 1 Strasburg, 1 Mercersburg, 1 McConnelston,

1 Falling Springs, 1 Fishers, 1 Jacobs Church, 1 Appels Church, 1 Thomas Creek. 128 baptised, 63 confirmed, 401 communicants, deceased 8. He was appointed to examine the work of Messrs. Sann and Scriba. He attended the 63rd Convention at Harrisburg in 1810 and was appointed, with others, an Examiner. He was absent from the 64th Convention, at Philadelphia, in 1811, but sent a report. Attended the 65th Convention, at Carlisle, and was on committees to report on papers, etc. Was absent from 66th Convention, but sent report and letter, expressing best wishes for divine blessing upon transaction of business at hand. Attended 68th Convention, at Fredericktown, with good report, also 69th at Philadelphia, also 70th, at Yorktown, with good report and as examiner; also 71st Convention, at Harrisburg, and served on committee of investigation, etc. He was present at 72nd Convention, held at Baltimore, in 1819, and was one of the second committee to examine communications and report on them, also on a committee to examine credentials of Mr. Carle Demme, who applied for reception, from University Halle and Gotten-gen, and on committee to examine candidates. He attended 73rd Convention, 1820, always coming from Greencastle, serving again on committees. A report was submitted from four congregations complaining of unbecoming conduct of some of the reformed, and requesting Synod to decide whether, in certain points concerning the church discipline and the teaching of the New Testament, their pastor, Mr. Rothrof, had done right or wrong, in accordance with them, and asked for a written answer from the Synod. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee of three pastors and two delegates. He took the position that immoral men should be admonished

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by their pastor to live better lives, before the Holy Sacrament be administered to them. The committee upheld him in their decision and declared that it was his duty, as a pastor to thus admonish them, before he administer the Holy Sacrament to them. He, however, continued to attend Synod and also to serve as pastor to the Greencastle congregation, attending the 74th Synod, which is the last one mentioned in the book. Thus it is plainly evident that he was an earnest, serious-minded, zealous worker and made steady advance in his work.

He organized the Lutheran Church at Mercersburg in 1800, while he also served the Lutheran Church at Greencastle. He drew up a constitution of strict requirements. Two copies of this constitution, in manuscript, were still in existence in 1886. He was the first regular pastor and resigned in 1827.

He was also a farmer and a man of considerable means, owning 200 acres of land, west of Greencastle, on which in 1810 he built a grist mill, the first erected on the site. It was burned in 1827. The fire occurred on Sunday, and the message reached him as he was about to enter the pulpit, the day of his appointment to Jacob's church. He merely observed that it was too late for him to reach home in time to be of any service and proceeded with the church services with his usual composure. He later rebuilt the mill. In 1784 he married Ann Maria Hamma, daughter of Valentine Hamma, a Huguenot immigrant of high connections (formerly written Von Hamma), of the province of Flanders, then Holland, who emigrated to America in 1743. Ann Maria Hamma was born in Dover Township, York County, Pennsylvania, in 1764. Here they were married, in 1784, and she removed with him to Greencastle, Penn., where he was pastor of the

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Lutheran Mission, and labored many years. To them were born eight children, seven sons and one daughter, as follows:

- (1) Mary Ruthraff married Mr. John Schiery of Greencastle.
- (2) John Ruthraff married Mary Schriver.
- (3) John Henry Ruthraff married Susan Sryver.
- (4) Samuel Ruthraff, born 1791, married Isabel Patton, born 1795.
- (5) Frederick Ruthraff, born 1796, married Elizabeth Zeigler, born 1799.
- (6) David Ruthraff—no dates, married Eliza Hack. No children.
- (7) Johnathan Ruthraff, born 1801, married Louisa Lochman, born 1808.
- (8) George Ruthraff, born 1801? Married, 1st Susan Seibert, 2nd Jane Kalhan?

Rev. Johann and his sons were said to be men over six feet tall and of such commanding presence as to attract attention whenever they appeared together, especially when attired in white duck trousers and white frock coats. The baptismal record of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff was lost on account of carelessly kept church records, as many services were held in private homes, as well as baptisms and marriages, whenever a minister happened along. Muhlenberg, Weiser and Storer traveled all over Pennsylvania, and records were sometimes kept in their homes or a church, and sometimes not at all. However, we have a photograph of his baptismal cap which is still in existence and owned by Miss Mary Roedel of Lebanon, Penn.

I will include in this a copy of memoirs or biography of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, published in the Evangelical Review of 1858.

CHAPTER III.
MEMOIRS OF REV. JOHANN RUTHRAUFF

The subject of the present sketch forms a connecting link between a former and the present generation. He entered the ministry towards the close of the last century, having been received as a member of the Church by one of our earlier Lutheran ministers, who immigrated to this country shortly after the arrival of Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg. Imbued with the spirit, there is every reason to believe that he adopted the practice of the fathers. He labored long and faithfully in the Church, and after having "served his own generation" for more than half a century in the ministry of reconciliation, passed into the rest which is promised to the people of God.

Mr. Ruthrauff was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of January, 1764, when this country was yet under the dominion of Great Britain. His parents were pious Germans, who trained their son under the influence and ordinances of Christianity, and instilled into his mind those moral and religious principles which formed the basis of his character. He became in early life deeply impressed with Divine things, and at the age of fifteen, made a public profession of his faith. In a record in his own hand, still preserved, he says: "In the year 1779 I was instructed, and on Whit-Sunday I was confirmed in the Lutheran faith, and admitted to the Holy Communion, by Rev. Pastor Nicholas Kurtz, when it pleased God to call me, who was dead, from death unto life."

He continued, however, to be still exercised in mind in reference to his spiritual state, his convictions deepened, and he was led by the truth and the Spirit to obtain a clearer insight into his heart, and to understand more fully his eternal interests. He tells us that "in the month of August of the same year, it pleased the Lord to reveal to him his sins and misery." He seems, at this period, to have given himself up unreservedly to the service of his Master, and henceforth his thoughts and desires were turned to the work of the ministry. He was at this time a resident of York County, whither his parents had removed some years previously, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He did not commence his theological course until the year 1790, when he left the farm, and came to town, for the purpose of pursuing his studies with Rev. Jacob Goering, then pastor of the Lutheran Church in York, and so distinguished for his learning and eloquence. Under his instructions he continued for three years. His

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first sermon he preached in 1793, in reference to which he remarks, in his diary, "God was present and graciously assisted me." For a couple of years after his introduction into the ministry, he was pastor of churches in York County, and subsequently preached for a season at Carlisle. In the month of June, 1795, he received and accepted a call to Greencastle and other congregations, in some of which he labored upwards of forty years. His charge embraced McConnellsburg, Loudon, Mercersburg, Waynesboro, Quincy, Smoke-town, Jacob's Church, and several in Washington County, Md. He also preached in the neighborhood of Emmittsburg, and for a time at Chambersburg, and continued to supply the congregation at Carlisle, and another about twelve miles from Harrisburg. This was distant from his home about fifty miles, and the journey he undertook once every month. Several of his congregations were fifteen or twenty miles apart. Often there was a long ride between the services on the Sabbath, and it was necessary to cross the mountain. But from the pulpit he went into the saddle with his dinner in his hand, so as to reach the appointment in time. He was a man of strong constitution, of vigorous and almost uninterrupted health, of active habits and great power of endurance. He was thus better fitted to be a kind of missionary pioneer. His diocese covered considerable territory. The members were scattered, and there was a great scarcity of ministers. Although a change has since taken place in our Church, and some twelve or fifteen are cultivating the ground to which this servant of God alone attended, yet it is still true, that the "harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Mr. Ruthrauff continued his labors as a pastor until a year before his death. Even after he relinquished his active duties, he frequently preached, and was ever ready to aid his brethren in the services of the sanctuary. Only nine days before his death, although more than three score years and ten, he was engaged in rendering assistance at a protracted meeting, a short distance from his home. Like a faithful watchman on the walls of Zion, he was doing the work of his Master, until relieved by the summons from Him, in whose cause he had so diligently labored. He died on the 18th of December, 1837, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. From the first of his illness he entertained slight hopes of recovery, but with a calm resignation to the will of his Master, and in the full exercise of Christian faith, he gently breathed his last. He was able to speak to

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the last moment, and gave unequivocal testimony of a spirit right with God, and made meet for Heaven. No cloud rested on his mind and prevented those clear and glorious emanations of triumphant grace which he so anxiously expected. His hopes were bright and his devotions heavenly. He appeared to be "full of faith and the Holy Ghost," and departed, trusting that death would not separate him from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Says one who visited him frequently during his last days, "I always found him in a prayerful frame of mind. On being asked whether all was well with him, his reply was, 'Jesus, Jesus, without Thee there is no salvation.' Then he added, 'The blood of Christ and His righteousness are my only comfort.' A short time before he expired, he exclaimed, 'Victory, Victory, the Lord is here.' "

His remains were attended, by a large company of friends, to their resting place, where they repose in the hope of a blessed resurrection. The occasion was improved by solemn exercises conducted by Rev. Messrs. Scholl, Harpel, Cline and Rebaugh. The discourses were based on the words: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation:" and "I am now ready to be offered up, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Mr. Ruthrauff was a man of unaffected piety, and indefatigable industry in the service of his Master. Like Jehoiada of old, "he did good in Israel, both towards God and towards his house." Stern in his integrity, and faithful in the discharge of his duties, the world acknowledged him to be a good man, and paid to him, as such, its tribute of respect. His affirmative character, and the bold, fearless manner, with which he expressed his convictions often gave offence, yet none ever questioned his honesty or sincerity. He was very decided in his opinions and maintained them with openness and frankness. He possessed a moral courage which would not allow him to conceal or disguise his sentiments, or to decline acting in accordance to what he supposed moral principle required. He took, for example, very strong ground against the war of 1812, and in

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private, and from the pulpit, denounced it as unwise and unrighteous. As in politics his sympathies were with the Federalists, his course offended several of his Democratic members, some of whom were unwilling afterwards to attend his preaching. If he had been a little more judicious on some occasions, and less harsh in the expression even of the truth, his influence would perhaps have been still more extended, and his usefulness increased. Although he was so firm and decided in his views on all those subjects which he had investigated and formed conclusions, he was naturally very timid, and frequently showed a want of confidence in himself. He placed a low estimate upon his own abilities. In consequence of the humble opinion he entertained of his pulpit powers, he seemed unwilling to occupy a more eligible position in the Church. He declined a pressing invitation to Germantown, Pa., although Dr. Helmuth strongly urged its acceptance, and presented, as a strong inducement, the facilities which would thus be afforded him for the education of his sons. But in his time ministerial changes were not so frequent. The pastoral relation was not so easily dissolved. There was not, as there is now, among us a practical itinerancy. The people were less fastidious, and ministers were better contented with their position.

This same constitutional timidity often made the subject of our narrative appear to less advantage in the ecclesiastical councils of the Church. He generally took very little part in the discussions of the Synod. He preferred to be a silent listener, unless some topic was under consideration upon which he felt, from his position, he could enlighten the members. He was, however, highly appreciated by the brethren, and elected to offices of honor and trust. For several years he acted as the President of the Synod. He took a deep and active interest in the various enterprises of the Church, and the institutions at Gettysburg received his support and prompt assistance. He was the devoted friend of the General Synod at the time, too, when it had few friends, and was encountering violent opposition in different sections of the Church. He felt that such a bond of union was most important to the welfare of our Zion, and therefore he gave it his cordial support.

Mr. Ruthrauff was a plain, evangelical, earnest preacher. His sermons were practical, simple and Scriptural, and were usually delivered with fervor and unction. His power lay in setting forth the doctrines of repentance and faith, and in developing the life

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of Christ in the soul of the Christian. He was especially able in the Lecture Room, when his discourses assumed something of the colloquial form. He devoted himself with much care to the instruction of the youth in the Catechism of the Church. For this work he possessed peculiar skill. His instructions were very much blessed. His catechumens generally became interested in the truth. They were impressed with the plan of salvation, as he unfolded it to them, and the foundation of a future spiritual life was properly laid. There are many now living, who trace their first religious impressions to the practical and successful manner in which he presented the doctrines and duties of Christianity in the Catechetical class. He had an admirable system of Catechetical analysis, which he had, no doubt, derived from his own pastor, Rev. J. N. Kurtz, who enjoyed so high a reputation as a Catechist.

Mr. Ruthrauff labored in every way for the promotion of vital piety, and in the latter part of his life, became still more active and zealous in his efforts to do good. About the year 1830, when revivals spread through the Churches, he entered heartily into the work of preaching the Gospel from day to day, of holding prayer-meetings, guiding the anxious, and urging Christians to greater activity in the service of God. In genuine revivals of religion he felt the deepest interest. He was opposed to fanaticism, yet he rejoiced in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and labored most earnestly to bring sinners to Christ. In his old age, and towards the close of his ministry, he had the gratification of witnessing an extensive work of grace in progress in the Church of Greencastle, where he had labored nearly the whole of his ministry. In giving an account of this season in the *Evangelische Magazin*, he says: "The seed sown long ago has sprung up, and now produces much precious fruit, even in cases where we had little to hope for. Many houses have become houses of prayer, where the name of the Redeemer is worshipped and praised. Our meetings were conducted with the greatest order and solemnity, without noise or confusion of any kind. No thunder, no earthquake, no tempest, which moves only the feelings was here seen or heard; but the Lord revealing himself in the 'still and small voice,' as heard in the convicting and powerful truth of the Gospel concerning Christ crucified for sinners."

The subject of our sketch was, in 1784, united in marriage to Ann Maria Hamme, a native of York County, a devoted Christian, who

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survived her husband several years. From this union there were nine children, one daughter and eight sons, two of whom became ministers of the Gospel, Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff, who has for many years been successfully laboring in the ministry, and Rev. Jonathan Ruthrauff, whose departure from this life, in the prime of manhood, was so much deplored by the Church, in whose service he had long been a faithful watchman.

We conclude our narrative with the following personal recollection, from the pen of Rev. Dr. Schumucker of Gettysburg, Pa.: "The Rev. John Ruthrauff was advanced in years when I first became acquainted with him, although he still retained considerable vigor of body and mind. His personal appearance was prepossessing. In stature he was above the medium height, rather broad-shouldered and muscular, though lean; and adapted, as well as accustomed, to endure hardship as a good soldier of Christ. He was a fluent speaker, his manner was impressive and solemn; and after the lapse of a quarter of a century, I still retain a vivid recollection of the deep impression made on his audience by a sermon I heard him preach at Leitersburg, on the words of the Savior, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock, etc.' Although he had not enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education himself, he was a warm friend of our Institutions, and active in collecting funds for our Theological Seminary, of which he was for years a director. He was a decided friend of practical piety, of prayermeetings and revivals of religion. In short, he was a man whose memory deserves to be cherished by the Church with gratitude, affection and respect."

LAST WILL OF REV. JOHN RUTHRAUFF,

Which was written and recorded in German.

Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1834. My last will and testament, in the name of God, Amen:

My body, i direct, shall be buried, according to my estate and situation in life, my funeral to be conducted according to the rites of the Christian Church. I commit my soul to my Lord and Father:

Further, it is my will that after the death of both my wife and myself, my executors, Samuel Ruthrauff and Jacob Byers, shall have the right to sell my house, in Greencastle and the furniture and all property, real and personal, belonging to me. Should my dear wife, Anna Maria, outlive me, it is my will that she shall have the right to live in my house or rent it, so long as she shall live.

Further, it is my will that she shall have the right to use the personal property, as she shall need, and to dispose of the surplus.

Further, as soon as there is enough money comes in, from my interest, my wife, Anna Maria, shall have the right to draw the interest of \$1800.00 yearly. If she shall need more, she shall have the right to use as much of the principal as is necessary, only so long as she needs it.

Further, it is my will that all of my library is to be divided between my two sons, Frederick and Johnathan, in such a manner as they can agree and at such a price as they agree upon.

Further; it is my will that all of my children shall share equally in my estate, and those that have not been

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advanced as much as the others, are to receive first out of my estate, a sum that will make them equal with the children that have already been advanced a portion of their share.

Further; it is my will that my daughter, Anna Maria Shirey, as soon as the money paid in amounts to \$50.00, shall receive that amount, annually, which her husband, John Shirey, shall use for the family, as he sees fit, but the principal of her share is to be held in trust and is to be paid her children in equal shares.

Further, while I do not know whether my son, George, is living or not, his share is to be held, until it is determined whether he is living or dead, and if he does not return, his share is to be divided equally, among my other heirs.

And Further, with respect to my son, Henry, what his share shall be shall appear in my advancement book, where I have my children charged with the respective amounts advanced to them.

Published and declared as my last will and testament, this 31st day of March, 1834.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF (Seal)

JOHN WILHELM
W. COFFROTH

CHAPTER IV.

ANNA MARIA RUTHRAUFF.

Anna Maria Ruthrauff, commonly called "Polly" or "Mary," born 1785, died March 26, 1841, in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. Married John Shirey, born November 24, 1773, died March 20, 1850. No data, except that he was a fine man and a wagon maker by trade. Both are buried in "Reform Church Cemetery," Greencastle, Pa. They were parents of five children, as follows:

(1) Augustus Shirey, born 1817, died 1897. Married Maria Bohn, born 1819, died 1897.

(2) David Shirey, born January 4, 1819, died June 28, 1897. Married Johanna Farren, born April 2, 1819, died February 11, 1906.

(3) Rebecca Shirey.

(4) Jonathan Shirey.

(5) Milton Shirey.

AUGUSTUS SHIREY

Son of John and Anna Maria (Ruthrauff) Shirey, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 1817, died 1897, in Muncie, Indiana. Was a cabinet maker by trade and married Maria Bohn, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 1819, died Muncie, Indiana, 1897. Their home was in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, where their nine children were born and raised, leaving there about 1884 for a new home in Indiana. Their issue was as follows:

(1) Charles Henry Shirey, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 1838, died 1864. Killed in the Civil War. Married

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Rebecca Braham, and they had one son, Elmer Shirey, now living in Springfield, Ohio.

(2) John Shirey, born 1840, died 1842, Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

(3) Mary Catherine Shirey, born 1842, died 1913. Married Simon P. Hoover, who died in 1912. No data.

(4) George Dallas Shirey, born 1844, died 1846.

(5) Adam Wingert Shirey, born 1848. Home in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. Married Elizabeth Carter, who died 1918.

(6) Hanna Shirey, born 1851, died 1852.

(7) William Shirey, born 1852, residence Hagerstown, Maryland.

Josephine Amanda Shirey, born 1857 in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, married James Edward Fisher, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 1855. Their home was for a time in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and later in Newcastle, Indiana, and now in Muncie, Indiana. Mr. Fisher spent perhaps fifty years of his life in the mercantile business, as salesman, bookkeeper and other clerical work, an honorable, successful business man, and now, in the evening of their lives, amply provided for, in a home of their own, and their greatest achievement is their four splendid sons, as follows:

(1) Charles Edward Fisher, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 1879. Married Nellie Smith, born 1884, Muncie, Indiana. Charles Edward Fisher served two years in the Spanish-American War, in Company I, 31st Regiment, a corporal, and was honorably discharged. He is a machinist by trade, and for a number of years was employed as foreman of departments, chief inspector, and in automobile shops, and for the past several years he has been connected with the Insurance Department of Mer-

chants Trust and Savings Bank, of Muncie, Indiana. Charles Edward and Nellie (Smith) Fisher are the parents of four children, as follows:

- (a) Alice Josephine Fisher.
- (b) Maurice Frederick Fisher.
- (c) Helen Catherine Fisher.
- (d) Charles Edward Fisher, Jr.

BISHOP FREDERICK BONN FISHER,
D.D., PH.D., F.R.G.S.

(2) Frederick Bohn Fisher, born 1882, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, son of James E. and Josephine (Shirey) Fisher. Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Calcutta, India. A very prominent, influential man in the church. Bishop Fisher received his common and high school education in Muncie. He then went to Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, from which he graduated, and returning to Muncie, joined the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was licensed to preach. His first charge was Beamer Chapel, Kokomo, Indiana. When the General Conference met in Muncie in 1904, he and his young wife volunteered to go as missionaries to India. They were assigned to Agra, where they spent two years. Returning to America, he became pastor of the First Church, Boston. He took up special studies at Boston University and received his D.D. degree from there as well as from Asbury College. In England, a few years ago, the degree F.R.G.S. was conferred upon him; recently he received the honorary degree D.D. from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. He also has degree from DePauw, Greencastle, Indiana. He was Assistant General Secretary of the Layman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church,



Rev. Harvey Beaver Fisher.



Bishop Frederick B. Fisher, D.D., Ph.D.,
F. R. G. S., Calcutta, India.

and later General Secretary, and at the General Conference, held at Des Moines, Iowa, he was elected Bishop, and by his request was assigned to the Calcutta area, including Bengal and Burma Conferences. In a little better than six months after their arrival in India Mrs. Fisher died, June 5, 1921. In 1924 Bishop Fisher returned to America to attend the General Conference at Springfield, Massachusetts. After the close of the Conference he was married June 18 to Miss Wealthy Honsinger, and on August 14th, 1924, they sailed for India to resume his duties there.

Bishop Fisher is the author of several books, relating to church work, and his wife, Mrs. Wealthy (Honsinger) Fisher, a writer and lecturer of note.

Bishop Fisher is the youngest man on the Board of Bishops, and is distinguished as the one receiving the largest vote for the episcopacy. He is an administrator of the first rank. Their home will be Calcutta, India.

(3) James Howard Fisher, son of James E. and Josephine (Shirey) Fisher, born 1884, Newcastle, Indiana. Superintendent of Plant No. 1, General Motors Company, of Muncie, Indiana. Married Edna Lucas, Muncie, Indiana, and they have one child, (a) Thelma Louise Fisher.

REV. HARVY BEAVER FISHER.

(4) Harvy Beaver Fisher, son of James E. and Josephine (Shirey) Fisher, born 1888, Newcastle, Indiana. Is minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He received his common and high school education in Muncie and Elwood, Indiana. As well as becoming a preacher, he is a musician, being a singer and pianist. He studied music in Boston, but his college training was at the

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Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Massachusetts. During the World War he was for some time, by government appointment, Y. M. C. A. Secretary at the Wright Aviation Camp, Dayton, Ohio. After the war he joined a New England Conference of the M. E. Church, in which he served successfully two charges, and was then transferred to Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama. After two years he returned to the States and is now pastor of the M. E. Church at Hunter, New York. He married Miss Florence Reynolds, born 1890, at Providence, Rhode Island.

DAVID SHIREY.

Son of John and Anna Maria (Ruthrauff) Shirey, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1819, died June 28, 1897, married December 26, 1838, Miss Johanna M. Farren, born April 2, 1819, died February 11, 1906, and according to Mrs. Rider was a man of fine character and held in high esteem by those who knew him. To this union were born four children, as follows:

(1) James Shirey, born October 14, 1841, died January 1, 1914, married Clara E. Donaldson, born August 23, 1849, died February 10, 1887. James and Clara E. (Donaldson) Shirey were parents of two children, as follows:

(1) Emma Farren Shirey, born August 13, 1874. Unmarried.

(2) David A. Shirey, born May 8, 1875, was married, first wife, Anna May Seusheimer, born March 5, 1876, To them were born two children:

(a) James J. Shirey, born August 14, 1895, who married Mabel Ponesmith, born May 29, 1902, and they

have one daughter, Jean Farren Shirey, born May 27, 1922.

(b) Charles David Shirey (son of David A. and Anna May [Seusheimer] Shirey), born December 29, 1899, married Mary K. Sharer, born July 19, 1900, and they had one son, Charles D. Shirey, Jr., born June 5, 1922.

David A. Shirey married a second wife, Kathryn M——, born January 2, 1894.

MARY ELIZABETH SHIREY.

(3) Mary Elizabeth Shirey, daughter of David and Johanna (Ferren) Shirey, born January 4, 1840, died May 12, 1890, married Joseph Martin, born November 6, 1837, died August 12, 1912. Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Shirey) Martin were parents of five children, as follows:

(1) Anna Martin, born April 5, 1859.

(2) Florence Martin, born October 12, 1862, died 1888.

(3) James McLean Martin, born April 2, 1865, married, first wife, Grace Hutton. To them two sons were born. His second wife was F. Elizabeth Klippert, born July 17, 1875. To this union one daughter was born:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Martin, born May 31, 1909.

(4) Emma Martin, born May 28, 1880.

(5) Cora Martin, born November 10, 1869. Married L. Paxton Kuhn. To them three children were born, but I have no further data of them.

(4) Rebecca Shirey, daughter of David and Johanna (Farren) Shirey, born September 20, 1843, died April 18, 1923. Married Emory D. Houser, born September

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24, 1840, died August, 1915. To them three sons were born, as follows:

(1) Milford D. Houser, born April 19, 1860, died September, 1914.

(2) James C. Houser, born February 8, 1862. Married Sarah L. Shafer, born March 6, 1865, and to this union two children were born, as follows:

(a) James Houser, Jr., born November 19, 1897, died September 21, 1916.

(b) Florence M. Houser, born July 30, 1887. Her husband, Charles C. Wetzel, born May 25, 1885. They had three children:

(a) Lester C. Wetzel, born October 28, 1909.

(b) Ethel M. Wetzel, born September 20, 1910.

(c) Harold W. Wetzel, born June 17, 1912.

(3) Victor Houser, son of Emory D. and Rebecca (Shirey) Houser, born November 20, 1871. Still living. The Houser family are all of Reading, Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER V.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF.

John Ruthrauff, farmer, son of Rev. Johann and Ann Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, was born April 13, 1787, and baptized June 10, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Died November 14, 1837, Canton, Ohio. Married January 14, 1810, Mary Schriver (daughter of Lewis Schriver), who was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1787. Died November 24, 1854, Canton, Ohio. They lived two miles from Leitersburg, Maryland, on the Ziegler farm.

In the fall of 1834 they left the state of Pennsylvania to take up their residence on a farm, four miles south of Canton, Stark County, Ohio. The family consisted of the father, mother and their children, Henry, Jacob, Susan, Anna, Isaac, Rachel, Elizabeth and John. Lewis died in early childhood. The children, in order of their ages, were as follows:

(1) Henry, born March 29, 1811, died December 3, 1897. Married Lydia Everhard, born March 31, 1818. died June 8, 1891.

(2) Jacob, born February 11, 1813, died 1845. Married first wife, Nancy Ciffert; second wife, Mary Bucher.

(3) Susan, born June 16, 1815, died, no date. Married Samuel Lambert.

Note: Of the family of John and Mary Shriver Ruthrauff, who moved from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, to Canton, Ohio, I wish to say: Some have given Leitersberg, Maryland, as their birthplace, the old Zigler farm, on which they lived and where they were born, was situated on the Mason and Dixon line about one and three-quarters or two miles from Leitersberg and Hagerstown, the house in one state and the barn in the other. Hence the discrepancy.

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- (4) Anna Maria, born 1817. Married Peter Failor.
- (5) Isaac, born 1819. Married Nancy Correll.
- (6) Lewis, born June 8, 1823, died September 1, 1827.
- (7) Rachel Mary, born 1826. Married Rev. Augustine Bernhard Bierdeman, D.D., M.D.
- (8) Elizabeth, born 1829. Married William Petcher.
- (9) John, born 1831, died 1919. Married Emily McCully Gray, born 1838, died 1913.

When they left Pennsylvania for Ohio, their conveyance was a big Pennsylvania wagon, drawn by four horses, and a one-horse wagon. Henry, the eldest, went ahead, on foot.

Although they followed farming, John Ruthrauff owned a threshing machine and in the season followed threshing. He unfortunately caught his knee in the machine, and this wound later on caused his death, leaving his widow and eldest son, Henry, to rear and care for his family. They were staunch Lutheran Church people, as a son or descendant of Rev. John Ruthrauff should be, and the Lutheran Church at Leitersburg was organized by John Ruthrauff, and his sons Henry and Jacob and daughter Susan were charter members. This church was dedicated by his father, Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, who was their pastor, and served in the field upwards of forty years. They soon affiliated with the Trinity Lutheran Church at Canton, Ohio, and were members there many years.

(Extracts from a letter from John Ruthrauff, 3rd, of Findlay, Ohio, son of John and Mary Schriver Ruthrauff.)

HENRY RUTHRAUFF.

Eldest son of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, grandson of Rev. John Ruthrauff, was born near Hagers-



Henry Ruthrauff, Canton, Ohio.
Lydia Everhard Ruthrauff.
Charles Frederick Ruthrauff.
Mary Josephine Ruthrauff.

town, Maryland, March 29, 1811, and died at Kansas City, Missouri, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, December 3, 1897, making him nearly eighty-seven years old.

In early manhood he lived in the home of his parents, John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, near Leitersburg and Hagerstown, Maryland. He was a man of strong, firm convictions, and early in life became a member of the Lutheran Church. He was a charter member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Leitersburg, Maryland, where his grandfather, Rev. John Ruthrauff, was pastor for forty years. His heart was in the Lord's work, where his life would have been given, had he not become discouraged, through sickness, while a student at Gettysburg College.

In the fall of 1834 he left Maryland, with his father's family, to make a new home on a farm south of Canton, Ohio, going on foot, as advance guard or pilot, and in the company of Henry Yesler, his boyhood friend.

He married Lydia Everhard, born March 31, 1818, died June 8, 1891, daughter of John Henry and Mary (Hewitt) Everhard, October 8, 1840 (by Rev. J. Goshorn). After the death of her father they lived on the old Everhard farm, four miles north of Canton, Ohio, part of which they inherited, and which was entered by John Henry Everhard. Here they reared their family of seven children: (1) Luther Henry, (2) Philip Melancthon, (3) John Mosheim, (4) Martha Jane, (5) Mary Catharine, (6) Charles Frederick, (7) Maria Alice. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, of Canton, Ohio, which was their church home. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, of forceful and honorable character, and his wife was a truly noble woman, of great dignity and sweet and gracious manner,

and their truly hospitable home was always open to any friends, as her father's had been before her.

In the evening of their life they left the old home (which passed into the hands of Hamilton Graham, and later to Bonnett, who is the present [1923] possessor) and built a new home, nearer Canton, where they lived until the death, June 8, 1891, of Mrs. Ruthrauff, after which he made his home with his son, Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, of Dixon, Illinois, and his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, of Kansas City, Missouri, where he died December 3, 1897. Both rest in beautiful Westlawn Cemetery, Canton, Ohio.

Quoting from the "Carthage Collegian": "Fitting services were held at the home of Mrs. Hoover, at Kansas City, by Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., after which the remains were taken to Canton, Ohio, and interred in the family lot at Westlawn. Services at the grave were read by Rev. John Hall, D.D., pastor of Trinity Church, of Canton.

Mr. Ruthrauff, though a layman, was connected with a long line of Lutheran ministers: His grandfather, Rev. John Ruthrauff; two of his uncles, Revs. Johnathan and Frederick; his cousin, Rev. W. D. Ruthrauff; his son, Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D.D., president of Carthage and Wittenberg Colleges; his nephew, Rev. G. A. Bierdiman, who was also the son of a Lutheran minister; and Bishop Frederick B. Fisher, of the M. E. Church.

When a young man, in the vicinity of Canton, he taught school and vocal music, and was a member of the choir of Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio, for many years. Among his pupils was Major General Samuel Beaty. During the Civil War Mr. Ruthrauff was a staunch Union man, and when the first gun was fired

at Fort Sumter he said that was the death knell of slavery in this country.

I wish to quote from a letter from his son Charles, written many years after the war: "Henry Ruthrauff, of Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, played his part and was one of the most able and active defenders of the Union, in that great national crisis, in the township. Such men were needed in every nook and corner of the North at that time. Of course, such men incurred the hatred and enmity of the Democrats at such a time. He gave money he could not well afford to give, to raise bounties and war funds, and more than all, he gave his oldest boy, Luther Henry, at the age of nineteen years, to four years of hard service and perils of war, and thus left to his posterity a heritage greater than wealth, 'A free enlightened nation that I hope may never die,' or be dragged into the European conflagration."

He had no doubt, from the beginning, as to how the war would culminate. Three of his sons served in the Civil War, Luther, the eldest, during the entire war, except the first three months. Mr. Ruthrauff was always an earnest worker in the church; he loved his church as he loved his life; he read her books and periodicals; he knew her rise and development in this country, her institutions and her men as few laymen knew them.

He repeatedly represented at the meetings of the district synod, and several times was a delegate to the general synod. He had positive convictions and the courage of his convictions; no one ever doubted as to where he stood on any great moral question that concerned the church, state or community. He never lost interest in religion or political questions; he studied them continually, and they occupied his mind in his declining years

and kept it young and fresh, while his physical powers failed.

Quoting from Rev. Cromer's sermon: "Two scenes connected with his life and death will live as long as memory. The first: He sat within the altar, on account of infirm hearing. The sermon was from the text, 'For me to live is Christ.' He was greatly moved; it stirred memories of the past; it awakened the glories of the present; it rent the veil of the future. He arose, with great emotion, the tears streaming down his face, exhorted the congregation to heed the sermon and to accept Christ. The second was still more affecting to his pastor. We had gone to pray with him on his dying bed; we found him in a stupor. Being aroused, he recognized us and began praying at once, for his beloved pastor, for the congregation over which he presided, and for the whole Lutheran Church." (He was greatly gifted in prayer.)

His work was done, he came to his grave, in full age, "like as a shock of corn cometh, in his season."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

LUTHER HENRY RUTHRAUFF.

Luther Henry Ruthrauff, eldest son of Henry and Lydia Everhard Ruthrauff, was born on a farm, adjoining the old Everhard farm, near Canton, Ohio, June, 1841. When the War of the Rebellion broke out he enlisted for three months' service, and then re-enlisted and served in the Federal Army from 1861 to 1865, in the 19th Ohio Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, participating in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Siege of Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, Atlanta Campaign and Nashville. He was wounded three times, slightly; once

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on the hand, once on the shin, and once in his face, just below the right eye, by buckshot.

He was made corporal, near the end of the war. After the end of the war he returned to the old home, near Canton, Ohio, where he remained until 1873, when he went to Texas, bought a farm, near Denison, Texas, and engaged in farming and dairy business. There he met and married Miss Emma Hopkins, December 6, 1878, who was born July 19, 1850, at March, Cambridgeshire, England, who still survives him. No children came to bless this marriage. He died September 18, 1908, on his farm, near Denison, Texas, leaving his wife and an adopted daughter. He was an honored and honorable citizen, for many years a deacon in the Presbyterian Church of Denison. In later years he took up Christian Science.

P. M. RUTHRAUFF.

Philip Melanchthon, second son of Henry and Lydia Everhard Ruthrauff, was born on the farm adjoining the old Everhard farm, August 14, 1843, and grew to manhood on the old home farm, endearing himself to many friends by his sunny, genial temperament, and his music, for he was a violinist of more than ordinary ability. He left the farm to clerk in the hardware store of his uncle, John Ruthrauff, at Findlay, Ohio. There he met and married Grace Maria Antoinette Walker, December 30, 1869. When General Walker, her father, was appointed one of the Supreme Judges of Texas, they moved with General Walker and family to Austin, Texas, and Mr. Ruthrauff became deputy clerk of the court and court librarian, then was appointed postmaster of Austin, and afterwards was a promoter of farm machinery in the firm of Walter Tipps & Company, of Austin.

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One child was born to them. Bright, beautiful and promising was Blanche Delmar Ruthrauff, born November 5, 1870; died July 8, 1876, at Kenton, Ohio, where she was visiting her grandparents. While playing, she tripped and fell into a tub of boiling water carelessly placed by a servant, and died from the effects of the burn.

Philip M. Ruthrauff died in Austin, Texas, September 10, 1884, aged 41 years, leaving a wife, who still resides in Austin, now (1925) the widow of Edward Cullen.

REV. JOHN MOSHEIM RUTHRAUFF.

John Mosheim Ruthrauff, A.B., A.M., D.D., was born January 13, 1846, at the family home, six miles north of Canton, in Stark County, Ohio, and died at Springfield, Ohio, May 6, 1902. He was the third son of Henry and Lydia (Everhard) Ruthrauff.

He spent his early days on the farm, where he developed an interest in animal and plant life and became impressed with the immutability of nature's laws, which later had a profound influence upon his philosophy of life and religion. On the farm he also had an opportunity of developing his natural genius for mechanics, as his father was somewhat of a mechanic and had a well-equipped workshop, a flour mill, sawmill and coal mine. His father had made what Mr. Ruthrauff later said he believed to have been the first successful mowing machine. His environment was ideal for awakening the imagination or creative genius which was later so characteristic of Mr. Ruthrauff's life. From childhood he was a builder and organizer.

Mr. Ruthrauff excelled in athletic games and horsemanship, and was regarded as a man of exceptional



Rev. John Musheim Ruthrauff, A.B., A.M., D.D.
Capt. John Musheim Ruthrauff, Jr.
William Morrison Ruthrauff.

physique. In his prime he measured five feet ten and one-half inches, and weighed 185 pounds.

After finishing the elementary schools in the country, he attended Greensburg Academy and Mt. Union College, and had a longing to complete his college education, but partly because of financial reasons and because of his aptitude along other lines, he had decided to go to Oil City, which was then the Mecca for young men, and try his fortunes in the business world. His mother, knowing of his desire to continue his college work, and fearing for his moral safety at Oil City, pleaded with his father to send him to Wittenberg. His father went out to the field, stopped him at his plowing, and asked if he would like to go to Wittenberg College, and received an affirmative reply. He was told to go and get ready. In two hours' time he was on his way to the station. Thus began a career that has brought not only souls to Christ, but has done much for education and young manhood.

His college days were happy ones. His fellow students were friends and admirers to the last. He was fond of debating and athletics. He was attached to his instructor, Rev. Dr. Sprecher, and through him turned his attention to the ministry. After his graduation from the college, in 1871, he entered the seminary. After finishing the prescribed course he wanted to accept a call from a small town near Springfield, but Dr. Sprecher insisted that he go to Louisville, Kentucky, and organize the First English Lutheran Church in that city.

He entered his first church work with enthusiasm and laid a splendid foundation, eight other churches, all strong, having since branched out from this parent church. He was there only from 1872-74, when his health was undermined by malaria and he came to the Mission Church at

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Circleville, Ohio. His health continued to decline and in 1876 he was compelled to give up entirely, for a few months. In the same year he took the Washingtonville charge, consisting of two churches, Washingtonville and Greenford. He did much driving there, thus regaining his health.

Quoting from his "Memoirs":

May 28, 1879, in Messiah Lutheran Church, by Rev. G. P. Raup, assisted by Rev. A. McLaughlin, he was united in holy wedlock with Miss Sarah Ellen Morrison, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Bolt) Morrison, of Constantine, Michigan, a charming, cultured, Christian woman, a devoted wife, a Spartan mother and a great help and inspiration to her husband in his work. To this union three children were born, as follows:

(1) William Morrison Ruthrauff, born Constantine, Michigan, February 24, 1881, and baptized in the church at Circleville, Ohio, 4 p. m. February 19, 1882, by J. N. Morris.

(2) Nellie May Ruthrauff, born April 24, 1884, in Circleville, Ohio; baptized November 19, 1884, by Rev. Daniel Schindler, D.D.

(3) John Mosheim Ruthrauff, Jr., born December 6, 1886, at Dixon, Illinois, a strong, bright, hearty child; baptized in the Dixon Church Sunday morning, May 22, 1887, by Rev. William Uhl.

In 1880 the Circleville Church was without a pastor and they were so insistent that he again take up his work there that he accepted their call, remaining until 1885. Believing that both he and Mrs. Ruthrauff were suffering from malaria, he accepted a call to Dixon, Illinois. He found this church divided, but by skillful management had the pleasure, after ten years' service, of seeing them

again a united church and having doubled the membership. He was liked by all classes. He was active in every movement for the bettering of conditions in the community. County temperance workers called on him often for lectures. He was fearless in his work against intemperance.

Still not enjoying the best of health, he proposed, at a meeting of the Northern Illinois Synod in 1887, that it would be a wholesome recreation if the ministers and their families and friends could arrange for an outing for several days, where they could get inspiration and strength from the hills and bluffs along beautiful Rock River. He also proposed that they hold a Bible Conference and provide for musical and literary entertainment. The suggestion was well received and he was appointed chairman of a committee of three to make the arrangements. This was the beginning of the Rock River Chautauqua Assembly at Dixon, one of the earliest and today one of the largest Chautauquas in the country. They selected Governor Charter's old homesite, two and one-half miles north of Dixon, where at the base of the hundred foot elevation was a cool spring that furnished water for all. The three-day session was so entertaining and instructive that it was the unanimous wish that another be held the coming fall. The same ground was rented, for a week's outing this time, which was so successful that it was voted to make it an annual affair. The idea as conceived originally by Dr. Ruthrauff, was entirely independent of the Chautauqua movement, which was then in its infancy.

He was a man of great vision and had the rare gift of inspiring others to believe and join with him in his endeavors. He selected the present "Rock River Assem-

bly" ground and organized the present corporation, which purchased the forty acres upon which are the fine buildings today. This meeting lasted two weeks, and at the end of that time it was deeded to the Lutheran Church for a permanent Chautauqua and Bible School. He was President of it until 1896. Having removed from his splendidly organized church to Carthage, Illinois, he could not do justice to the "Assembly," hence resigned.

Dr. Ruthrauff was chaplain of G. A. R. Post No. 299, having served as private in Company E, 162 Reg., O. N. G., which was drafted into service the last months of our Civil War of 1864. On Grand Army Day at "Rock River Assembly" he was honored by each member of the post wearing a badge with his picture printed on it.

Though a natural leader, he never sought self-advancement. When in the army this natural modesty resulted in his declining promotion to corporal. The man who accepted the promotion was rapidly advanced to fill vacancies which would undoubtedly have resulted in promotion of Dr. Ruthrauff. (From the day he left, the others, however, recognized his natural qualifications.)

In the spring of 1895 the Board of Carthage College (of which he was a member) met at Carthage with heavy hearts. Its indebtedness almost equaled its endowment, and they were about to close its doors for lack of funds. Dr. Ruthrauff believed the college was necessary for the proper development of the Lutheran Church in the Middle West, and pleaded to continue the school, with the result that the Board asked him to take the presidency and save it if he thought it could be done. Though he had previously declined this responsibility, he now accepted. The church had lost faith in the college, and the first year's work was to restore confidence. His own *great faith* in

the ultimate result never wavered. In five years' time he left Carthage College with an endowment of \$100,000.00, free from debt, and money to repair the President's house. This work was achieved by the greatest of perseverance, coupled with unusual organizing ability, and a personality that inspired confidence.

The strong conviction that Carthage must be saved for the sake of the Lutheran Church in the West sustained him, while going up and down, from town to city, from church to church, from individual to individual, through storm and flood, heat and zero weather, until he saw the institution on its feet, not realizing that the incessant exposure and strain had undermined his health to a serious degree.

At the General Synod at York, Pennsylvania, in 1899, he asked permission of the president to present the cause of education. The request hung in the balance for some time; finally he was granted fifteen minutes. He was all but consumed by zeal for the cause and thought, "How can I present the cause in so short a time?" Asking for strength and wisdom, he presented it. He so captivated that large body of men that when the "chair" attempted to call "time," they cried, "Go on, take all the time you want." At the end of two hours he had presented the needs so effectively that not only Carthage College was benefited, but the amount apportioned to all educational institutions of the church was unanimously increased fifty per cent. President Ruthrauff made what was acknowledged to be the finest address ever made before that body on the subject of education. Those who heard him were unanimous in saying, "He was inspired."

When the board's committee of Wittenberg College met in the spring of 1900 to agree upon a man to recommend

to the Board of Directors for President, it was found that the minds of all had instinctively turned to the man who had done so much for a sister institution. From the day Dr. Sprecher induced him to undertake the organization of the First Lutheran Church at Louisville, Kentucky, until he was called to his reward, every position he held came to him unsolicited. Once he undertook a work, he was tireless and fearless, but always modest and unassuming. It was his great conviction and devotion to the cause and the trust imposed upon him, coupled with his self-modesty and manifest ability, that won for him such universal admiration and support.

With great reluctance he left Carthage to begin a greater work at Wittenberg, his "alma mater" and the largest General Synod Lutheran College in this country. Being President of two different colleges of the same denomination was an honor but few enjoy. He entered into his work in his new field with a vision too great for his failing health to realize. On one occasion, while in the bounds of the Northern Indiana Synod, presenting the claims of Wittenberg, he was on the verge of prostration. He had attended the meeting of some body and had made a speech, urging the body to help the college. On his return to the home at which he was stopping he fell across the threshold as the door was opened for him. Yet he would not take a rest. When his wife pleaded with him to have a vacation, he replied: "When I have raised the necessary money for Wittenberg, I will."

April of 1902 he visited moneyed men in the East, and had returned with promises for large amounts. The closing week of April and the first few days of May were joyous days for him. He had arranged a week's program, as dedicatory services for the "Hamma Memorial Hall."

It was a feast of good things. May 4th was the Seminary Commencement. He was very tired, but would not admit he was ill, although at intervals he had terrible pain at the base of the brain. Monday he accomplished his usual work. Tuesday morning the pains were more frequent in his head. He promised his wife he would consult a physician after chapel services. All noticed at chapel that he was ill. He took a car downtown, but before going to the doctor he wanted to consult Hon. J. L. Zimmerman (an old friend and also one of the directors of Wittenberg) about some college matters. When he arose to go he fell backward into Mr. Zimmerman's arms. Three doctors were called, all pronouncing him dead, but Mr. Zimmerman insisted upon their doing something for him. He recovered consciousness for three hours and it seemed possible for him to recover, when he was suddenly taken worse and passed away. His family, with the exception of his older son, who was teaching in Iowa, being at his side.

Mr. Ruthrauff was endowed with a constructive imagination. He had the power of attacking a problem and seeing in it new possibilities. This was true in the field of mechanics as well as in the field of religious education. When a young man he invented a mowing machine (U. S. Pat. No. —), which took first premium at the Stark County Fair over all the other mowing machines on the market. Improvements which he made later became standard.

He had been a deep student of sociology and economics, as well as theology, and looked forward to a time when he could devote his time to writing on these subjects. Some idea of the contribution he might have made, had he lived, is evidenced by his address at the dedication of the

"Hamma Divinity Hall." This was pronounced "the clearest and most comprehensive exposition of the doctrinal basis of the Lutheran Church ever written."

He confidently believed the next generation would see the union of the different Lutheran bodies in this country, which has, in part, in this year of 1919, been consummated. He advocated federal ownership of railroads and other public utilities and natural monopolies, as a means of eliminating wasteful competition, and believed that the trend of social and industrial evolution was toward greater specialization of effort and subsequently larger and more complex organizations, and that this tendency would, ultimately, result in some sort of international, economic and political organization. At the time of his death he had started to outline a book on "Social Evolution."

In one of the last talks to his older son William, he said: "The great problems of your generation are going to be in the field of economics and sociology. Whatever vocation you choose, make a careful study of these subjects."

"The Lutheran World" sums up Dr. Ruthrauff's chief value to the college as follows:

First, he brought an earnest personality to the work of the institution.

Second, he did conscientious work in the synods and among the churches, in behalf of the college.

Third, his work for funds won him the hearty support of the ministers in the field, and interested many who were indifferent.

Fourth, he moved for better facilities in the scientific department of the college, and for higher collegiate ideals.

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Fifth, he brought good executive zeal and trained literary ability.

Dr. Ruthrauff was quiet, unassuming, manly and persevering. Born a Lutheran, with generations of Lutheran ministers to draft into his blood the doctrines of the church, he was a ripe theologian, a logical and incisive thinker.

As a financier, few men were his equal. He raised about \$100,000.00 for Carthage College in five years, and his financial work for Wittenberg was destined to prove most successful. Through his efforts a \$6,000.00 heating plant was built and paid for. A \$10,000.00 endowment fund in the Eastern Synod (Ohio) was well under way.

His death caused a universal and profound sense of sorrow, in both college and local circles. The faculty, the college Y. M. C. A., the college classes and societies, the Ministerial Association, the Gentlemen's Literary Club, the Luther Club (of which he was president), the various churches of the city, have all expressed themselves in appropriate resolutions. The funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held in Springfield. It was held Friday, May 8, 1902, in the Fourth Church, at 3 p. m. Addresses were made by his pastor, Rev. C. F. Steck, Rev. Dr. S. F. Breckenridge, of the faculty, and Rev. Dr. Shaffer, of the College Board.

The pall-bearers were the younger members of the faculty. Exquisite and numerous floral tributes were in profusion.

Surely it was a mysterious Providence. May the great Head of the church overrule it all to his greater glory. May a successor soon be secured who will perpetuate the spirit, devotion and efficiency of the sainted Ruthrauff.

—From The Lutheran World.

WILLIAM MORRISON RUTHRAUFF, A.B., A.M.

Born in Constantine, Michigan, February 24, 1881. First son of Reverend John Mosheim Ruthrauff, A.M., D.D., and Sarah Ellen Morrison Ruthrauff. Attended public schools at Dixon, Illinois, Carthage Academy and College through sophomore year; and Wittenberg College, junior and senior years. Graduated 1902, receiving degree of A.B. Received Master's degree in 1905. Was member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Taught biology in High School at Clinton, Iowa, 1902-03. At Clinton he met Ella Ione Cook, oldest daughter of Seymour H. Cook and Cynthia Morton Cook, and they were married at Clinton, September 2, 1903.

1903-04: Taught economics and civics, Township High School, Joliet, Illinois. Also had charge of athletics.

Finding his wife had contracted tuberculosis, obtained leave of absence and left for Phoenix, Arizona, in 1904. Mrs. Ruthrauff died August 4, 1906. Two little poems which she composed give a key to her character:

"A fair good morning to you Sweetheart,
May the day be prosperous and bright!
A success to each dear ambition of yours,
And a sweet welcome home tonight!"

The following was found on a scrap of paper beside her bed after her death, with her initials and date of composition:

LIFE'S LULLABYE

"Deep in the cradle of soft white down,
She placed him and hushed him to Lullabye-town,
A child, a mother, Earth's joy abounds—

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In the cradle of Earth, He lowered him down,
Lulled to Life's last Lullabye-town,
A child! a Father! Heaven's joy abounds!"

1906-07-08: Superintendent of schools, Tucson, Arizona.

1910: Married Alice Remley, daughter of Milton Remley, former Attorney General of Iowa, and Josephine Dennis Remley, in Iowa City, January 15th.

1912-1919: In commercial life.

1920: Located in Philadelphia, Pa., and began research work, where he is manufacturing "*Acident*," his latest and best dentifrice, and is the W. M. Ruthrauff Chemical Co.

NELLIE MAY RUTHRAUFF.

Nellie May Ruthrauff, only daughter of Rev. John Mosheim and Sarah Ellen (Morrison) Ruthrauff, born April 24, 1884, Circleville, Ohio; moved with her parents to Dixon, Illinois, and attended Dixon public schools. She moved with her parents to Carthage, Illinois, when her father became President of Carthage College, and attended the Academy of Carthage College and the freshman year of the college course. Moved with her parents to Springfield, Ohio, when her father became President of Wittenberg College, and took the sophomore, junior and senior years of her college course at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, during the years 1900-1903, receiving the degree of A.B. in 1903, after the death of her father. In the fall of 1904 she went to Phoenix, Arizona, where she taught the sixth grade of the Phoenix public school. In the fall of 1905 she went to Carthage, Illinois, teaching the third grade of the Carthage public school. In the fall of 1906 she went to Dixon, Illinois, where she was head of the History Department of the Dixon High School. On January 30, 1907, in the Dixon Lutheran Church, where her father had served as pastor for ten years, she was married by Dr. Charles Heckert, President of Wittenberg College, assisted by Dr. Rutherford, resident pastor of the Dixon Lutheran Church, to George Albert Nicholson, born November 12, 1882, Pittsburg, Kansas, son of George Edward and Florence Belle (Foster) Nicholson, daughter of Isaac Nelson and Mary Elizabeth (Gilkey) Foster, of Vermillion County, Illinois. Isaac Nelson Foster served during the entire Civil War in the Union Army. George



Nellie Ruthrauff Nicholson.
(Mrs. George Albert Nicholson.)
Ruth Nicholson. Florence Isobel Nicholson.
George Albert Nicholson, Jr.

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Edward Nicholson was the son of Thomas and Hannah (Gowland) Nicholson, of Hartleford, England, who came to America in 1840 in a sailing vessel. Their oldest son was born soon after landing.

Immediately after their marriage, George Albert and Nellie May (Ruthrauff) Nicholson sailed for a year's travel and study abroad, through Europe and Egypt, returning to the States November, 1907, to make their home in Baldwin, Kansas, where George Albert Nicholson had received his degree of A.B and A.M. from Baker University at Baldwin. During their residence in Baldwin, from 1907-1910, Nellie May (R.) Nicholson attended, in 1907-1909, the School of Music of Baldwin University. Later they moved to Chicago, Illinois, where they made their home from 1910-1914, and George Albert Nicholson attended Chicago University, where he received the degree of Ph. D. Cum Laude. From 1914-1915 was acting head of the English Department of DePauw University, at Greencastle, Indiana, one and a half years, in the absence of the head of the department, and was then offered the position permanently, but refused, to associate himself with his father in business. During the World War he was treasurer of the Kusa Spelter Co., which produced 95 per cent government metal. He was turned down as a private in the draft of men older than thirty-six years, but went to Chicago and was accepted by the examiners for Officers Training Camp and ordered to report at Camp Zachary Taylor, November 21, 1918. After the armistice was signed, was ordered to return home and wait for further orders.

From 1916-1919 their home was in Kusa, Oklahoma, and during the World War Nellie May (Ruthrauff) Nicholson took an active part in the war work, as

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secretary and treasurer of the Kusa Unit, Okmulgee County Council of Defense; chairman of the Sewing Committee of the Kusa Unit of American Red Cross, having entire supervision of the work rooms; chairman of the Woman's Division for the Liberty Loan of Okmulgee County; moving to Kansas City, Missouri, in October, 1919, where she served as first vice-president of the Woman's Community Council of the Country Club District during the years 1921-1922; on the Board of Directors of the Young Woman's Christian Association of Kansas City, Missouri, January 1, 1921-1924; chairman of the Girls' Work Department of the Y. W. C. A., Kansas City, Missouri, from the fall of 1922 to January, 1924; on the Board of Directors of the Consumers' League of Kansas City, Missouri, from 1920 to the present time, 1924; a vice-president of the Consumers' League from October, 1923-October, 1924; on the Board of Directors of the Woman's City Club of Kansas City, Missouri, from the spring of 1923-spring 1926; chairman of the Bulletin Committee of Woman's City Club of Kansas City, Missouri, from spring, 1923-spring, 1924; as treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Kansas City Conservatory of Music for the year 1923-24; chairman of the Women's Golf Committee of the Mission Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Missouri, for the season 1924; chairman Group I of the Parents' Association of Sunset Hill School for Girls for the year 1923-1924. She held the woman's championship in golf for 1923, and in her younger days was very fond of tennis and horseback riding.

She is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Missouri, and an active worker in the Sunday School and W. H. and F. M. Society and Pastors'

Aid Society; a member of the Kansas City Art Institute and Amateur Gardeners' Association; member of Lambda Chapter, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Kansas Delta Delta Delta Alliance, associate member of the Association of University Women (Wittenberg College not being on the accredited list, at present, though seemingly no one has ever tried to put her there).

George Albert and Nellie May (Ruthrauff) Nicholson, two brilliant, public-spirited, capable young people, with their beautiful, hospitable home, always at the service of every enterprise for the upbuilding and uplifting of humanity; ever ready, kind, generous and helpful to all in need, are bequeathing a splendid heritage to their family of fine children, who are as follows:

(1) George Albert Nicholson, Jr., born at Baldwin, Kansas, May 8, 1908. He attended kindergarten in Chicago, Illinois, at the Kenwood Institute; first grade of the public schools of Greencastle, Indiana; fifth grade of the Kusa, Oklahoma, public schools; seventh and through his high school course at the Country Day School for Boys at Kansas City. He entered Michigan University in the fall of 1924. He has played on the Country Day football, basketball, soccer and baseball teams, winning a first letter in all four. George Albert Nicholson, Jr., graduated from the Country Day School of Kansas City, Mo. (a private school for boys), June 5, 1924, taking the highest honor of the class, the Mrs. Felix LaForce silver cup, for the best all around record in scholarship, athletics and character.

(2) Ruth Nicholson, born Chicago, Illinois, November 28, 1913. She has attended Sunset Hill School for Girls from the first grade to the present time. A coming little artist. She hopes to enter Vassar College in 1930.

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(3) Eleanor Ruthrauff Nicholson, born at Henryetta, Oklahoma, September 8, 1917; died September 1, 1921, Kansas City, Missouri.

(4) Florence Isabel Nicholson, born October 14, 1918. She is attending the second grade of the Sunset Hill School for Girls, Kansas City, Missouri. She also hopes to attend Vassar College.

JOHN MOSHEIM RUTHRAUFF, JR.

Second son of Rev. John M. and S. Ella (Morrison) Ruthrauff, born Monday, December 6, 1886, in Dixon, Illinois; grew up in his father's home, receiving his education in Dixon and Carthage, Illinois, public schools, also preparatory and freshman years at Wittenberg College. Circumstances unavoidable called him West, and he was graduated from University of Arizona in 1909, with degree of B.S. in metallurgy. 1910 superintendent of Oxide Calumet Copper Co., Silverbell, Arizona. 1912-1917, chief engineer of city of Tucson, Arizona, in active charge of water works, sewerage system, streets and engineering department. August 24, 1910, he was united in marriage with Miss Nell Kellum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wright Kellum, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, now Tucson, Arizona. To this union there were four children.

(1) Virginia Ruthrauff, born July 12, 1911, at Tucson, Arizona.

(2) Mary Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born September 11, 1912, Tucson, Arizona.

(3) John Mosheim Ruthrauff III, born January 13, 1920; died January 15, 1920, Tucson.

(4) Sally Jane Ruthrauff, born and died March 5, 1923, Tucson, Arizona.

John M. Ruthrauff, Jr., enlisted in the World War and received commission of captain in Engineering Corps on September 4, 1917. Assigned to active duty December 28, 1917, at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, for training. Sent to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, April 8, 1918, to join 47th Engineers, organizing there for overseas service and assigned as regimental adjutant. Arrived safely overseas July 29, 1918, on the British ship "Kiva," assigned as officer in charge of construction of water works system for Camp Montierchaune, one of the largest storage yards in France, containing two hundred and twenty-five miles of standard gauge railroad. Later assigned as officer in charge of all standard and narrow gauge railroad water supply for our front, extending from Verdun to the Swiss border. Returned to the United States January 25, 1919, on the "Orizaba," and discharged April 3, 1919.

From a letter written his mother by him, while in the hospital in Toul, France: "On November 1st, orders were issued from headquarters, A. E. F., detaching me from the 47th and directing me to organize, from troops in the A. E. F., a new Water Supply Regiment, but before these orders reached me here at the front the war was over. I have, at any rate, my orders, which will show that had the war continued I should have been a major, by promotion."

From 1919-1923 consulting engineer and paving contractor.

Between the age of twenty-five and thirty years he planned and superintended the construction of over three million dollars' worth of engineering work in Tucson, Arizona, building the beautiful subway under the Southern Pacific tracks, also the City Hall, where his name will

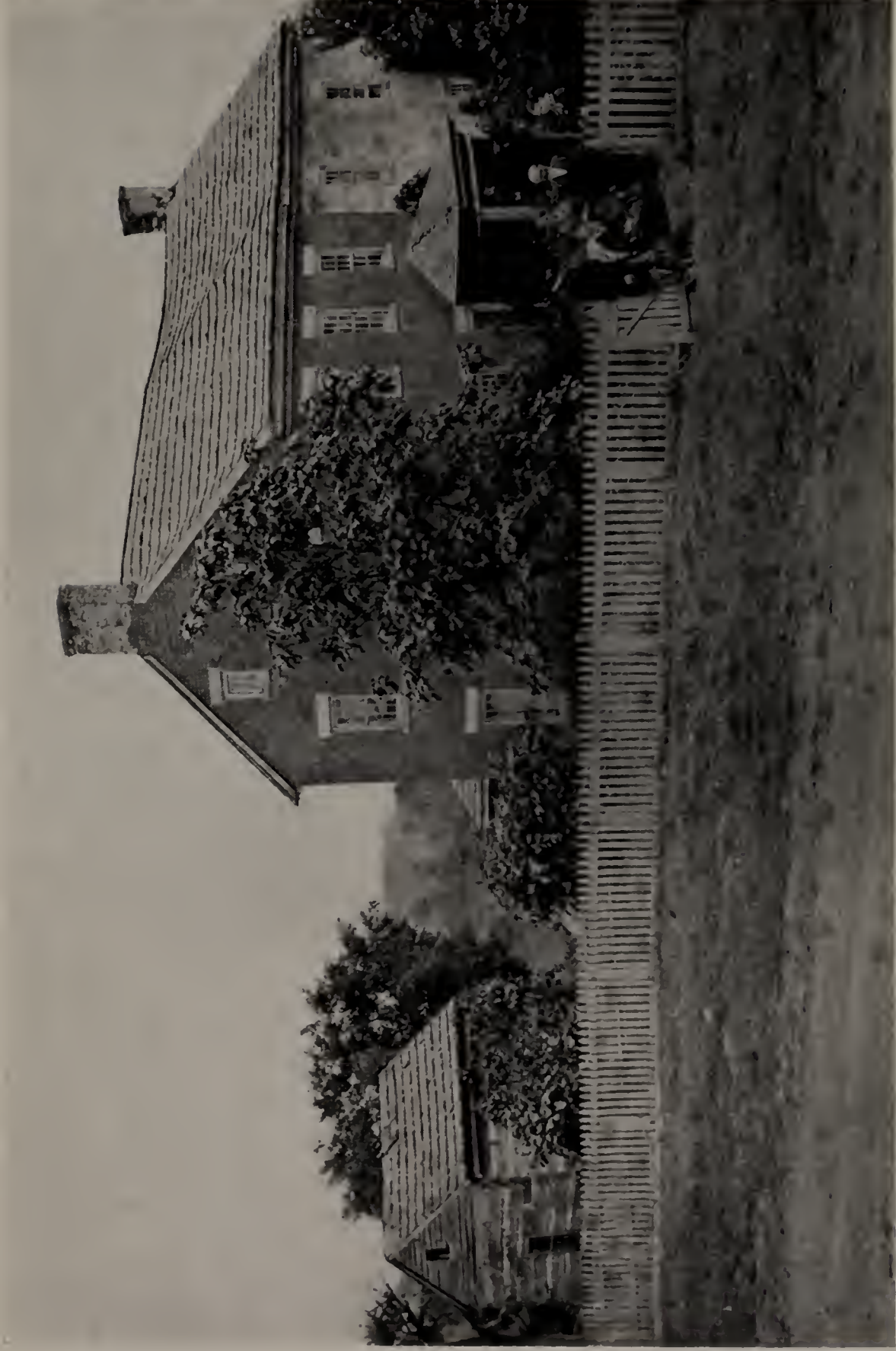
be found on the cornerstone. Paved the streets, installed the new lighting system, as well as water system, while he was city engineer, and any amount of minor work.

While in service he contracted pneumonia and was in the hospital in Toul, France, when the armistice was signed, from where he was returned to the United States. A man of fine presence, brave and true and honorable in every way. Six feet tall, broad-shouldered, every inch a man to be proud of.

MARY CATHERINE RUTHRAUFF.

Second daughter of Henry and Lydia (Everhard) Ruthrauff, born April 8, 1851, on the old Everhard farm, four miles north of Canton, Ohio. Passed her early life on the farm and in the hospitable home of her parents, where the latch string was ever out, in the days of her grandparents, as in her own; lending a willing hand in laundry, dairy and household cares, as the case required; always ready, the "standby" of the family. Uniting with Trinity Lutheran Church of Canton, Ohio, in her seventeenth year, and always remaining a staunch Lutheran. Later uniting with St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Missouri, where she did her best work, serving as treasurer of the Missionary and Aid Society, decorating the altar many years with beautiful flowers from her yard. Working in the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and Colored Y. W. C. A. work. Member of Missouri Valley Historical Society; member of Kansas City Art Institute. Just a lay worker doing the work her hand found to do.

Received her education in District No. 4 School of Stark County, Ohio, and Canton High School, and then was a successful teacher in District No. 4, Center School, and Greentown, Ohio; during vacation teaching instrumental music, going from house to house of her pupils.



Girlhood home of Mary Ruthrauff Hoover. Built by her Grandfather, Everhard, near Canton, Ohio. Henry and Lydia Ruthrauff, Susan Everhard, Charles and Josephine Ruthrauff at the gate.

December 30, 1875, she was married to Joseph Warren Hoover, born November 18, 1850; died Kansas City, Mo., June 18, 1925, and buried in Mt. Moriah cemetery. He was son of Daniel and Mary (Kryder) Hoover, a successful scientific farmer and tanner.

Joseph Warren Hoover grew up on his father's farm, five miles north of Canton, Ohio, working on the farm or in the tannery, as seemed best, and began his college education at Mt. Union College, during the years 1867-1871, attending only at intervals. In the fall of 1872 he entered Michigan University engineering course, graduating in 1875, working during the summer months of 1873-74 in the engineering corps of the Valley R. R. After graduation he accepted a position in Cincinnati Observatory. In the fall of 1875 he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, as chief engineer of the Indianapolis Bridge Co., where they began their home building and where they remained until 1878, when they moved to Canton, Ohio, where he was employed as engineer of Canton Wrought Iron Bridge Co. In 1884 they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Hoover became general Western agent for the Canton Wrought Iron Bridge Co., which position he held until the year 1900, when the Wrought Iron Bridge Co. merged with the American Bridge Co. of New York. Continuing with this company until 1902, he resigned and accepted the same position with the Canton Bridge Co., of Canton, Ohio, and continued this work until 1909, when compelled to resign on account of ill health, which resulted in the loss of his sight, when he was succeeded by his son, Fred R. Hoover. In January, 1893, he organized and incorporated the Kansas City Bridge Co., becoming its president, which position he held until compelled to relinquish it on account of ill health in 1921.

Mr. Hoover was a charter member of the University Club of Kansas City, a Mason, a member of the McKinley Lodge of Canton, Ohio; Oriental Commandery, and Ararat Temple of Kansas City, Missouri; a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; a member of the Unitarian Church of Kansas City; a man of high integrity and greatly interested in all philanthropic work. Two children came to bless their home:

(1) Frederick Ruthrauff Hoover, born November 25, 1876.

(2) Helen Maria Hoover, born April 30, 1881.

FREDERICK RUTHRAUFF HOOVER.

Son of Joseph W. and Mary (Ruthrauff) Hoover, born at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 25, 1876; moved with his parents to Canton, Ohio, in January, 1878, and to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1884, where he grew up in his father's home. After graduating from Central High School, he entered Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, from which he graduated as a civil engineer in 1899, when he entered the office of his father, later succeeding him as general agent of the Canton Bridge Co., which position he held until 1918, when he organized the Pioneer Construction Co. of Kansas City, and now holds the position of president and treasurer of the company. While in high school he was a member of the Platonian Literary Society and Current Event Club, and at Ann Arbor was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. During the year 1921 he was president of the Kansas City Automobile Club, and one of the organizers of the Auto Club of Missouri, of which he was vice-president. Was a charter member of the University Club,



Mary Hoover Secrest.
Edith Sophia Secrest.
Robert Montague Hoover.

member of Hillcrest Country Club, Kansas City Club, Athletic Club, Engineers Club, B. P. O. Elks Club, A. F. and A. Mason, Scottish Rite and Shrine. August 29, 1900, he married Miss Gertrude Edith Montague, born January 7, 1878, Traverse City, Michigan, daughter of Herbert E. and Ida (Smith) Montague, of Traverse City, Michigan. Gertrude Montague Hoover was educated at Oberlin College, Ohio, and Ann Arbor School of Music. Was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority at Ann Arbor, president and secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Society, of Kansas City, Missouri. To them a son was born: Robert Montague Hoover, born 6:40 p. m. February 25, 1913, at Kansas City, Missouri. A bright, promising lad.

HELEN MARIA HOOVER.

Daughter of Joseph W. and Mary C. (Ruthrauff) Hoover, born Canton, Ohio, 3 o'clock p. m., April 30, 1881. Moved with her parents, February, 1884, to Kansas City, Missouri, where she grew up in her father's home, graduating from Central High School in 1901, in a class of 145. Was a member of Central Literary Society of High School. In the fall of 1901 she entered Smith College, attending two years. She then went to Michigan University, where she took special work in music and the literary department, leaving her school work, after the third year, to help care for her father. October 16, 1912, was united in marriage with Mr. Edmund Secrest (Rev. Dr. Andreus Bard performing the ceremony). Edmund Secrest was born August 24, 1882, at Randolph, Kansas, where he grew up on the farm and in the home of his parents, Hon. Edward and Sophia (Axelton) Secrest. Edward Secrest was born in Winterthur, Switzerland, and came to this country with his parents when he was

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fourteen years of age. Edmund Secrest was educated at the Kansas State Agricultural College, of Manhattan, Kansas, and holds the position of State Forester of Ohio, Chief Forester and Associate Director of Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, secretary of Ohio Forestry Association, member of the Society of American Foresters, member of the Century, Rotary and Country Clubs, of Wooster, Ohio. Elected 1925 a director of the Wooster Board of Trade, and president of the Wooster, Ohio, Park Board. Fellow of Ohio Academy of Science. Director of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank, Cleveland, Ohio. President of the Central States section of the Society of American Foresters. Member of the Fish and Game Commission of Ohio, and member of the Faculty Club of Ohio State University.

Their home is in Wooster, Ohio. Both are public-spirited, progressive young people. Helen Hoover Secrest is member of the "Viola Thorn" and "Monday" Clubs of Wooster, Ohio, having served as president of the former, and elected president of the "Monday Club" for the year 1923. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Wooster, Ohio. To them two children were born:

(1) Mary Hoover Secrest, born 5:45 p. m. February 25, 1915.

(2) Edith Sophia Secrest, born 3:15 p. m. July 10, 1917.

CHARLES FREDERICK RUTHRAUFF

Charles Frederick Ruthrauff, sixth child of Henry and Lydia (Everhard) Ruthrauff, was born on the old Everhard farm August 22, 1853. Died August 23, 1916. He was educated in Smithville High School and

Canton Academy and throughout his entire life was a keen student of the vital movements of world progress and industry. This broad interest in life, together with his energy and his high ideals formed in early youth, made him an unusually successful teacher in early manhood and later a scientific farmer and an influential member of every community in which he lived. He taught nine years near Canton. He married Josephine A. Geib, born March 4, 1856, daughter of Samuel S. Geib, attorney, of Hartville, Ohio, December 25, 1879. They moved to Otsego, Michigan, and bought a farm.

Their oldest child, Harry Geib Ruthrauff, was born at the Everhard homestead, where his father and grandmother were born, at North Canton, Ohio, February 14, 1881, and died at Otsego, December 29, 1886.

Arthur Garfield, the second son, was born July 23, 1882, at Otsego, Michigan. He studied in Wittenberg College, the University of Michigan, and Houghton College of Mines, receiving his degree of Mining Engineer in 1911. April 10, 1912, he married Mary Veronica (Macie) Rioux, born July 10, 1887, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Rioux of Houghton, Michigan. Alexander Rioux was a native of Paris, France, a carpenter by occupation. Arthur Ruthrauff has lived in and near Chicago since 1912, and is employed as a cable engineer with the Western Electric Company.

One son, Charles Frederick, was born to Arthur and Macie (Rioux) Ruthrauff, in Chicago Heights, December 13, 1916.

Mary Josephine, third child of Charles and Josephine (Geib) Ruthrauff, was born May 4, 1888, at Otsego; graduate of Western State Normal School in 1907 and Michigan University in 1913; teacher of German and Latin in Nashville High School 1907-11 and German in

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Owosso High School 1913-16. In the summer of 1913 she studied and traveled in Germany and taught in Western State Normal School, Kalamazoo, 1917-18, as assistant in the Department of German; was acting head of the Latin Department in 1918. A very charming, beautiful and talented young lady eminently fitted to teach Latin, German, Music or Art and of pronounced literary ability.

Charles F. Ruthrauff sold his Otsego farm and moved to Galesburg, Michigan, later to Nashville, Michigan, and to Kalamazoo in 1910, where he bought a farm and lived until his death, August 23, 1916. He died suddenly, of heart failure, while driving his auto to town, accompanied by his daughter.

MARIA ALICE RUTHRAUFF.

Seventh child of Henry and Lydia (Everhard) Ruthrauff, born May 30, 1856; grew up on her father's farm, near Canton, Ohio; attended school at District No. 4, also Greensburg Seminary and Canton Academy. One of her greatest accomplishments was a beautiful soprano voice and she studied music at Canton Academy. She was a fine, charming, little woman, a noble mother and wife, loved by all who knew her and idolized in her home. Thursday evening, June 27, 1878, she was united in marriage with Charles Marshall Kryder, born 1853, son of Levi and Mary C. (Blodgett) Kryder, of Akron, Ohio. A fine, energetic, progressive, prosperous, promising young business man of Akron, Ohio. Was bookkeeper for the "Argus" Printing Co. a number of years and later associated with his father, in the feed and grain store of Levi Kryder & Son, Akron, Ohio, until his father, on account of failing health, retired

from business, when he became the head of the firm and manager and owner of the business. Maria Alice (Ruthrauff) Kryder died January 10, 1884, leaving a son, Earnest Ruthrauff Kryder, born April 1, 1882. He grew up in his father's home, graduating from the Akron High School, and Ohio State University, at Columbus, where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. The pride of his father's life, a son worthy of the kindest respect of any parent, a manly man, the son of a noble mother, from whom he inherited some of his noble qualities. He married October 15, 1907, Miss Alberta Frisby, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Frisby, of Akron, Ohio, and they began their home building in Logansport, Indiana. His wife, on account of nerve trouble, went to a sanitarium in Spiceland, near Indianapolis. In March, 1911, he went to Spiceland to spend Sunday with his wife, and was taken sick Sunday morning at the breakfast table, with a pain in his bowels, and died Monday at 3 o'clock of hemorrhage of the bowels, after an operation. His sudden and untimely death was a great shock to his family and many friends. Just why this fine young life should be blotted out, as he was reaching the point where the reward for his patient toil and ambition were in sight, for he was fast "making good," and his ambitions were high, and from the kind letters received by his father from men high up in the Vandalia R. R. System was evidence they considered him one of their brightest men, and every assurance that though his career was short, it was to his credit.

From an Akron paper: "Bearers at his funeral, H. W. Marshall, assistant engineer Michigan Division of the Vandalia R. R., W. B. Kester, P. W. Porter, E. S. Butler, A. W. Galbraith, W. I. Stone, of the engineering

corps of the St. Louis Division of the Vandalia Railroad, of which Earnest R. Kryder was a member; Henry Miller, of Columbus, representing the Sigma Nu Fraternity, and Eugene Winch, of Akron, were the pallbearers at the funeral of Ernest Kryder. W. C. Downing, general superintendent of the Vandalia Railroad; R. K. Rochester, chief engineer, and M. P. Tucker, assistant associate engineer, did all in their power to assist Mrs. Kryder and family in their return to Akron with the body, where funeral services were held at the home of his father, 599 East Market Street, Rev. H. W. Lowry officiating, and a large gathering of friends who mourned the death of this bright, successful young man."

Charles M. Kryder was married a second time to Mrs. Mary C. Meese, born 1852, who was the mother of three fine children by her first husband, namely:

Ira Meese, married Miss Grace Yoste.

Emma Meese, married Forest Thorp, of Columbus, Ohio.

Frank Meese, married Allie Fiberger, of Akron, Ohio.

Thus a beautiful home was made for Ernest Kryder and these four children grew up as dear brothers and sisters, and with the surviving wife were the kind, thoughtful, considerate help and comfort to the grief-stricken father in his declining years.

CHAPTER VI.

JACOB RUTHRAUFF.

(2) Jacob Ruthrauff, son of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on the Mason and Dixon line, just north of Leitersburg, Maryland, February 11, 1813. Was a charter member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Leitersburg, Maryland, and died August 9, 1845, north of Canton, Ohio, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Canton Ohio. He was a miller, and his first wife was Nancy Ciffert. There were no children by this marriage. Afterward he married Mary Bucher and to them one daughter was born, Harriet Doxcee Ruthrauff; no dates.

After the death of Jacob Ruthrauff, Mary Bucher Ruthrauff married V. B. Snyder, grocer, of Canton, Ohio, and her daughter was given to her sister, Mrs. Doxcee, of Massillon, Ohio, and went by the name of Harriet or Hattie Doxcee. She married James Hackett, of Massillon, Ohio, and to them two children were born, twin boys, the mother dying when they were two weeks old.

(1) Charles Hackett lives in Massillon, Ohio, married and the father of children. As my letter of inquiry to him was never answered, I can give no data.

(2) Clarence Hackett died unmarried.

CHAPTER VII.

SUSAN RUTHRAUFF.

(3) Susan Ruthrauff, daughter of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, born June 16, 1815, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; died Logansport, Indiana, November 30, 1872. She grew up in her father's home on a farm in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, just north of Leitersburg, Maryland, and was a charter member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Leitersburg, Maryland. She moved with her father to Canton, Ohio, where she married Samuel Lambert, born March 27, 1810, and died April 18, 1869, at Logansport, Indiana. Samuel Lambert was a miller by trade, and to them ten children were born. We only have a record of six:

(1) Louisa Jane Lambert, born January 16, 1837; married Mr. ——— Cole.

(2) Julia Lambert, born September 18, 1842; died September 21, 1922, Los Angeles, California. Married J. A. Thornton.

(3) Lydia Lambert, born August 22, 1850. Married George Peeling, born October 16, 1845.

(4) Samuel Lambert, born September 19, 1859. Unmarried.

(5) Mary Lambert, born 1810, died 1815, Canton, Ohio. Buried in Ruthrauff lot, Elmwood Cemetery, Canton, Ohio.

(6) Rachel Lambert, married S. Newberger, of Terre Haute, Indiana. I have no further record of this family,

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only that Rachel (Lambert) Newberger died and left no children.

(1) Louisa Jane Lambert married a Mr. Cole, and after his death she lived in various places, and was killed by an automobile in Los Angeles, California. There were no children to this marriage.

(2) Julia Lambert, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Ruthrauff) Lambert, born September 18, 1842, Logansport, Indiana; died September 21, 1922, Los Angeles, California. Married John Allen Thornton, born Hillsboro, Ohio, February 18, 1829; died December 2, 1902, aged 73 years, 10 months, and 14 days, at Los Angeles, California. He and his wife, Julia L. Thornton, are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. He was a farmer until he moved to California, in 1886, when he retired. To this union one son was born:

(a) John Lambert Thornton, born Logansport, Indiana, September 24, 1880, and moved with his parents to Los Angeles, California. Married October 23, 1902, Miss Gay Shouf, born at Bryan, Williams County, Ohio, December 15, 1875. John Lambert Thornton is a member of the firm of Thornton & Everest, automobile electricians, Los Angeles, California, 225 West Twelfth Street, and to this union one son was born, Raymond Allen Thornton, born October 6, 1912.

Samuel Lambert, born September 19, 1859; died unmarried.

Lydia Lambert, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Ruthrauff) Lambert, born August 22, 1850. Married George Peeling, born October 16, 1845. Their home is in Joliet, Illinois, 122 North Bluff Street, and they are engaged

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in mercantile business specializing in wall paper. They have one son, Elbert Peeling, born July 17, 1872, associated with his father in wall paper business. Elbert Peeling married Louisa Hebert, born January 27, 1880. Their home is 805 Raynor Boulevard, Joliet, Illinois. To them two children were born:

- (1) Lydia Peeling, born October 3, 1913, Joliet, Illinois.
- (2) Bee Peeling, born March 26, 1916, Joliet, Illinois.

CHAPTER VIII

ANN MARIA RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, of Canton, Ohio, born January 13, 1818, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and moved with her parents to Canton, Ohio, and grew up in their home, on a farm south of Canton. November 24, 1846, she was married (by Rev. Cornac) to Peter Failor, born December 14, 1810, and they made their home on a farm, near Lima, Ohio. To them six children were born:

(1) Lewis Calvin Failor, born July 16, 1847; lives in Quincy, Michigan.

(2) John Marshall Failor, born December 11, 1848; died May 19, 1914, Lima, Ohio.

(3) Isaac Newton Failor, born February 9, 1851; died April 29, 1925. Lived at Richmond Hill, New York.

(4) Samuel Webster Failor, born May 5, 1853; died October 22, 1853, Lima, Ohio.

(5) Mary Elizabeth Failor, born August 21, 1854; died January, 1892, Lima, Ohio.

(6) Louisa Jane Failor, born September 18, 1857. Lives Lima, Ohio.

(7) Frank R. Failor, born October 23, 1860. Lives Lima, Ohio.

Peter Failor died on the farm where their home had been so many years, February 13, 1867, and Ann Maria (Ruthrauff) Failor, his wife, died May 5, 1878, after a long, useful, fine, upright life of care and hard labor on the farm, where they reared and educated their fine family. Both are buried in or near Lima, Ohio.

JOHN MARSHALL FAILOR.

Second son of Peter and Ann Maria (Ruthrauff) Failor, born December 11, 1848; died May 19, 1914, at Lima, Ohio. Married September 12, 1878, Mahala Ride-nour, of Lima, Ohio. No record of her birth. To them were born eight children:

- (1) Alta Failor, born July 12, 1879.
- (2) Cora Annetta Failor, born January 28, 1881; died April 22, 1901, Lima, Ohio.
- (3) Oscar Loyd Failor, born November 7, 1882; died October 25, 1901, Lima, Ohio.
- (4) Lula Failor, born May 3, 1885; died November, 1907, Lima, Ohio.
- (5) Hattie Failor, born February 21, 1888, Lima, Ohio.
- (6) Lena Failor, born September 28, 1890, Lima, Ohio.
- (7) Hillis Failor, born March 4, 1894, Lima, Ohio.
- (8) Nora Louisa Failor, born September 15, 1896, Lima, Ohio.

ISAAC NEWTON FAILOR.

Son of Peter and Ann Maria (Ruthrauff) Failor, was born February 9, 1851, on a farm located four miles south of Lima, Ohio, on the St. John's Road. Here his boyhood days were spent. His early school days were passed in the famous log school house. His preparation for college was made in the Union Free School at De Graff, Logan County, Ohio. He entered Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, September, 1870, where he completed his freshman year. In September, 1871, he transferred to the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, where he entered as a sophomore. After remaining

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out of college one year, for the purpose of earning some money by teaching, he returned to the college at Delaware, from which he was graduated in June, 1875. 1876-77 he was principal of the Rust Normal Institute, Huntsville, Alabama. 1877-78 he taught mathematics, Latin and Greek in the New Orleans University, New Orleans, Louisiana. The following year he spent in Texas. 1879-1882, three years, he was president of the New Orleans University. The next four years he spent in Texas, Dakota and Buffalo, New York, in business. 1888-92, four years, he was principal of the Baldwinsville Academy, Baldwinsville, New York. The next five years, 1892-97, he was teacher of mathematics in the Boys' High School, of Brooklyn, New York. In September, 1897, he was elected superintendent of the Richmond Hill Schools, and the following year he was made principal of the Richmond Hill High School, in New York City, which position he held till September, 1917, when he was retired by the City of New York on a pension of \$2,500 a year for life. Since retirement he has lived two years in New York City, in California and three years in Florida. He has written two books on mathematics, one geometry for junior high schools, and a second plane and solid geometry for senior high schools. Both are published by the Century Publishing Company, New York City.

He was married September 6, 1881, to Miss Eva Cowan, of Goshen, Indiana, and died April 29, 1925.

To them three children were born:

- (1) Newton Cowan Failor, October 6, 1883.
- (2) Ethel Louise Failor, November 13, 1890.
- (3) Anna Katherine (Failor) Hubbard, August 11, 1892.

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Miss Eva Cowan was born October 17, 1857, at Elkhart, Indiana. She is the daughter of John W. Cowan and Katherine Eliza McKelvey Cowan. She graduated from the Goshen High School, Goshen, Indiana.

Newton Cowan Failor was born October 6, 1883, at Coleman, Texas, and was graduated from Cornell University, mechanical and electrical engineering, in 1906. He married Emma Stillman Dix, of Brooklyn, New York, September 12, 1919. They have two children:

- (a) Elizabeth Anne Failor, born March 30, 1921.
- (b) Robert Dix Failor, born May 15, 1923.

ETHEL LOUISE FAILOR

Ethel Louise Failor was born at Baldwinsville, New York, November 13, 1890. She was married to Carol E. Robb January 9, 1915, at Richmond Hill, New York. They had no children. She died January 24, 1920.

(3) Anna Katherine Failor was born August 11, 1892, at Baldwinsville, New York, and was graduated from Vassar College June, 1914. She is not married and is now, 1924, teaching mathematics in the High School, Orlando, Florida.

LOUISA JANE FAILOR

Sixth child of Peter and Ann Maria (Ruthrauff) Failor, born September 18, 1857, at Lima, Ohio. Grew up on her father's farm a fine, promising, wholesome young lady. Was married February 24, 1881, to William S. Ridenour, also of Lima. To them two children were born:

- (1) Breta Ridenour, born November 20, 1881, Lima, Ohio.

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(2) Infant son, born July, 1896; died July, 1896, Lima, Ohio.

Breta Ridenour married Harry M. Smith August 31, 1901. Their home is in Lima, Ohio, and to them four children were born:

(a) William Albert Smith, born August 26, 1902, Lima, Ohio.

(b) Dorothy Smith, born September 3, 1904, Lima, Ohio.

(c) Sarah Louise Smith, born January 7, 1906, Lima, Ohio.

(d) Robert Barr Smith, born June 9, 1912, Lima, Ohio.

FRANK R. FAILOR

Seventh child of Peter and Ann Maria (Ruthrauff) Failor, born on the farm near Lima, Ohio, October 23, 1860. Farmer, I think. Married February 15, 1880, Anice Ella Mitchell. Their home is near Lima, Ohio, and their children as follows:

(1) Harry Franklin Failor. Married Lucinda Pearl Stockton, October 25, 1905.

(2) Wilfred Fulton Failor. Married Jennie Myrtle Jacobs, December 22, 1909.

(3) Ralph Elmore Failor. Married Edy Viola Harden, October 29, 1912.

(4) Louisa Edith Failor.

Harry Franklin and Lucinda Pearl (Stockton) Failor were the parents of three children, as follows:

(a) Harry Robert Failor.

(b) Francis Edmund Failor.

(c) Marjorie Elinore Failor.

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Ralph Elmore and Edy Viola (Harden) Failor were the parents of Gerald Lee Failor, who died in infancy.

LEWIS CALVIN FAILOR

First son of Peter and Ann Maria (Ruthrauff) Failor, born on the farm near Lima, Ohio, July 16, 1847. Grew up on the farm and received his education in the country schools. He married Miss Mary A. Jay, of Lima, Ohio, born April 23, 1850 (Lewis Failor was a farmer), and to them four children were born:

(1) Thomas J. Failor, born May 16, 1871. Lives Detroit, Michigan.

(2) John William Failor, born May 16, 1874. Lives Washington.

(3) Martha Maud Failor, born November 9, 1876. Lives Elkhart, Indiana.

(4) Lewis Walter Failor, born January 23, 1880. Home, Point Washington.

Mary A. (Jay) Failor died November 4, 1869, and Lewis Failor married again, and lives with his fourth wife on a farm near Quincy, Michigan.

Martha Maud Failor married a Mr. Forney and to them three children were born:

(a) Theodore Lewis Forney, born August 12, 1901, Elkhart, Indiana.

(b) Ila Claudine Forney, born October 13, 1904, Elkhart, Indiana.

(c) Walter Wayne Forney, born April 8, 1908.

CHAPTER IX

ISAAC RUTHRAUFF

Third son of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1819, where they lived (near Leitersburg) until 1834, when they removed to Stark County, Ohio, and settled on a farm, three and a half miles south of Canton, Ohio. He remained on the farm with his parents until of age, when he married Miss Nancy Correll, born Adams County, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1830. Daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lind) Correll. Her father, John Correll, native of Adams County, Pennsylvania, was born 1787, and his wife, Elizabeth (Lind) Correll, born 1793, were natives of Carroll County, Maryland, and removed to Stark County, Ohio, in 1834 and settled four miles north of Canton, Ohio, on a farm, where they passed the remainder of their lives. John Correll, Sr., died April 15, 1859, and his wife, Elizabeth (Lind) Correll, March 1, 1875. At this place their daughter Nancy met and married Isaac Ruthrauff, a farmer. Their first home, as I remember it, was in Jackson County, on a farm, and their children were born on this farm. Later in life they bought and lived on a farm near Massillon, Ohio. Isaac Ruthrauff was an honorable and upright citizen, respected by all who knew him. Later in life they moved to Coldwater, Michigan, where they continued farming and where in 1891, Nov. 12th, he lost his wife. Lonely and sad, he returned to Canton to pass the remaining years of his life among his children and old and dear friends, where he died January 7, 1898. They both rest in beautiful Elmwood Cemetery, at Canton,

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Ohio. Isaac Ruthrauff belonged to the Reformed Church, his wife a member of the Disciples Church. In politics he was a staunch Republican. Their children are as follows:

(1) John Ruthrauff, born July 28, 1855, died July 1, 1924, Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio. Married Celia Jane Broucher, born April 24, 1854, died April 1, 1904. Second wife Mrs. Jessie Farmer Smith.

(2) Thomas Benton Ruthrauff, born June 29, 1857, Plain Township, Ohio. Married Kate E. Plum, born February 10, 1864.

(3) Mary Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born October 4, 1859. Married Philip Young, born April 12, 1858.

(4) Herbert E. Ruthrauff, born July 12, 1862, died October 13, 1917. Married Laura Switzer.

(5) Ida Jennie Ruthrauff, born September 30, 1864. Married Frank Canright, born October 22, 1864.

(6) Edwin G. Ruthrauff, born January 11, 1867, died December, 1911. Married, first wife, Sadie Corbus. Second wife, Lena Corbus, who survives him.

(7) Hattie E. Ruthrauff, born August 19, 1871, died May 11, 1872.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF

Son of Isaac and Nancy (Correll) Ruthrauff, born July 28, 1855, died July 1, 1924. Married Miss Celia Jane Broucher, born April 24, 1854, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Lichtenwalter) Broucher, of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio. John Ruthrauff was a farmer, owning and living on his own farm, near Uniontown, Ohio, and had one son:

(a) Harold B. Ruthrauff, born January 18, —, who married Anna Raynor. Harold and Anna (Raynor)

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Ruthrauff lived with her parents, on a farm, near Middlebranch, Ohio, and they had one son, who survives his mother, Anna (Raynor) Ruthrauff, who died January, 1919. Celia Jane (Broucher) Ruthrauff died April 1, 1904, and John Ruthrauff married a second time, to Mrs. Jessie Farmer Smith. No children to this union.

H. BENTON RUTHRAUFF

Second son of Isaac and Nancy (Correll) Ruthrauff, born June 29, 1857, lived and grew up in his father's home, on the farm, and removed to Coldwater, Michigan, with his father and married Kate C. Plum, born February 10, 1864. He was a carpenter and contractor and house-builder. To them two children were born:

(1) Benita Louisa Ruthrauff, born February 22, 1899, Coldwater, Michigan.

(2) Ivan Glancy Ruthrauff, born June 11, 1901, Coldwater, Michigan.

MARY ELIZABETH RUTHRAUFF

Third child of Isaac and Nancy (Correll) Ruthrauff, born October 4, 1859. Bright, happy, sunny-hearted Mary lived and grew up in her father's home on the farm near Massillon, Ohio, and attended school in Massillon, where she met and married Philip Young, born April 12, 1858. They lived for a time in Massillon, Ohio, and then removed with their family to Akron, Ohio, where Philip Young followed teaming. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows:

(1) Hattie Young, born March 18, 1879, now living in Cleveland, Ohio.

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(2) Oran Ellsworth Young, born February 28, 1881, died October 31, 1883.

(3) Melvin Arthur Young, born January 21, 1889 (Butcher). Married Louise Baumgardt, born November 8, 1890. Children: (a) Gladys Young, born July 15, 1916, attending Grammar School. (b) Marie Edna Young, born August 8, 1910, attending Grammar School.

(4) Ruth Young, born December 2, 1895, married Carl L. Brown, born September 3, 1892, mechanic, now living at Canton, Ohio. Children:

(a) Floretta Young Brown, born August 20, 1917, attending school.

(b) Donald Brown, born October 3, 1919.

(5) Per Lee Young, born April 10, 1893, foreman in the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Married Miss Jane Wiland, born August 29, 1899. Now living in Akron, Ohio. Children: Betty Jane Young, born December 3, 1922.

(6) Bertha Young, born August 5, 1885. Married Charles Seidel, salesman, now in Detroit, Michigan. Children: Grace Seidel, born November 8, 1906, attending high school.

(7) Grace Young, born January 31, 1891. Married Earl C. Lance, born January 7, 1889. Cashier of Brunner Goodhue Cook Savings & Loan. Children:

(a) Naomi Arlene Lance, born July 12, 1914; attending school.

(b) Raymond Earl Lance, born November 17, 1915; attending school.

(c) Gordon Arthur Lance, born December 31, 1920.

(8) Earl Oscar Young, born July 19, 1900. Time-keeper at Philadelphia Rubber Works. Living at home.

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(9) Harold Lloyd Young, born March 19, 1903. Price clerk at B. F. Goodrich Co. Living at home.

(10) Florence Mary Young, born February 28, 1906. Dictaphone Operator at Goodyear. Living at home.

(11) Marie Young, born April 6, 1898; died May 6, 1921, of heart trouble. Married Boyd William Shook, mechanic, living in Akron, born January 9, 1891. Children: Benton William Shook, born March 9, 1907, attending school.

(12) Marian Young, born April 6, 1898. Married Charles G. Boehme, born May 8, 1897, rubber worker, now living in Akron, Ohio. Children:

(a) Edna May Boehme, born May 1, 1921.

(b) Charles Boehme, born August 3, 1922.

This ends the family of Philip and Mary Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Young. Mary Elizabeth surely deserves a crown, as all of her twelve splendid children have been well raised and are self-respecting, self-supporting, reliable, fine young men and women.

Florence, Earl and Harold are unmarried and live with and support their mother.

HERBERT E. RUTHRAUFF

Fourth child of Isaac and Nancy (Correll) Ruthrauff, born July 12, 1862. Was a railroad engineer and lost his life in an accident on the railroad October 18, 1917. His home, for a time, was in Massillon, Ohio, where he married Laura Swithers. Afterwards he moved to Blue Island, Illinois, where his wife now lives. They have one son, Stanton Ruthrauff, who lives in Blue Island, Illinois.

JENNIE RUTHRAUFF

Fifth child of Isaac and Nancy (Correll) Ruthrauff, born on the farm in Stark County, Ohio, September 30, 1864; removed with her parents to Coldwater, Michigan, and there married B. Frank Canright, a farmer, born October 22, 1864. They have one daughter, Pearl Marguerite Canright, born January 11, 1889, who married Manly Barney Batterson, born March 18, 1888, Coldwater, Michigan, and they were the parents of two children, as follows:

- (1) Norma Marie Batterson, born July 28, 1910.
- (2) Royce Manly Batterson, born January 25, 1915, at Coldwater, Michigan.

EDWIN G. RUTHRAUFF

Sixth child of Isaac and Nancy (Correll) Ruthrauff, born January 11, 1867, and moved with his parents to Coldwater, Michigan, and there married Miss Sadie Corbus, who died, and he later married her sister, Miss Lena Corbus. He was a civil and electrical engineer and died in Harvey, Illinois, December 16, 1911. I have no other data of his life than these, with dates of birth and death of his wife, and that he was the father of one son:

Harry C. Ruthrauff. Their home is in Harvey, Illinois, and I think his widow and son survive him.



Rev. Gustave A. Bierdeman.
Rachel Mary Bierdeman.
Annetta Bierdeman Webb.

CHAPTER X

RACHEL MARY RUTHRAUFF

Rachel Mary Ruthrauff, seventh child of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, born January 10, 1826, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, near Leitersburg, Maryland, grew up in her father's home, and removed with her parents to Canton, Ohio. Received a common school education, and was a fine, strong, splendid young woman. Was married September 14, 1852, to Rev. Augustus Bernhard Bierdeman, born December 28, 1810, at Shoeingen near Alt, Ussler, in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, and a record of his life is also a record of her life. He was the youngest child of Rev. Charles F. and Eliza (Beesinger) Bierdeman, was baptized and confirmed by his father. He received his education at Heidelberg University and at Gottingen, where he received his diploma as physician and Doctor of Philosophy in the year 1830. After graduating in medicine, he came to America, with the full consent and blessing of his widowed mother, who cordially wished him godspeed. In the State of Vermont he continued the study of the English language, begun earlier, at the same time teaching in the school where he studied. Later he went to Buffalo, New York, where he practiced medicine. Again he moved to Canton, Ohio, where he was persuaded to take up theology. The Lutheran Church, of which he was a member, at that time felt the need of German ministers, and because of his thorough education and natural ability as a public speaker, Dr. Bierdeman was persuaded to take this step, and, to use his own words, "So the hopes and prayers of my sainted parents were realized." His par-

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ents had intended he should enter the ministry, at the beginning of his education, but his father having died shortly after his confirmation, his mother heroically supported his education, and at his earnest request consented to the change to take up the study of medicine instead of theology.

From Canton he moved to Harlem Springs with his wife, Sarah Cloakey, and young daughter Loretta, where he opened a sanitarium. As his wife's health was rapidly failing, he devoted much of his time, and had the counsel of other physicians, in the vain effort to save her life. She died February 9, 1851, shortly after which he moved, with his little daughter, to New Lisbon, Ohio, where he served two congregations and practiced medicine. While living here he married Rachel Mary Ruthrauff, of Canton, Ohio, September 14, 1852. This union was blessed with eight children, five sons and three daughters. From Lisbon he moved to Clarian County, near Clarian, Pennsylvania, where he served five congregations. This was a great tax on his strength and after about three years he moved to Bready's Bend, Pennsylvania, where after one short year the iron works, which supported the place, shut down, causing the place to collapse. Dr. Bierdeman accepted a call to Saegerstown, Pennsylvania, where he served four congregations, preaching in both languages, German and English. These congregations were at Saegerstown, Meadville, Marvin's Mills, and Mosiertown. He lived in Saegerstown nine years, when he found himself unable to serve so large a charge. For a number of years he had suffered from asthma and this was continually weakening him. He resigned part of the charge to a young man and moved to Edinboro, where he served for four years what had been the

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Marvin Mills and Mosiertown congregations. Here he was persuaded by the faculty of the State Normal School to teach languages. Here he taught three classes daily for four years, teaching German, French and Latin. On account of failing health and hoping to find a climate more suitable to the condition of his health, in the summer of 1869, through correspondence, he had made arrangements to move to Lincoln, Nebraska, when in the early part of October he took suddenly ill, and died October 20, 1869, at the age of 58 years and 10 months.

During the War of the Rebellion Dr. Bierdeman, who had formerly been a Democrat in politics, made a sincere study of conditions in government, and finally decided, through conviction, to vote the Republican ticket. His eloquence in patriotic speeches, especially at funerals of brave citizens who had given their lives for their country, became popular, and he was urged by his admirers to put these addresses in print, but his modesty did not allow him to do so.

As a linguist he ranked very high, especially in the thoroughness and purity of his native language. In order to bring the German language more perfectly to his students, he wrote a small treatise as a help to the grammar he used in his class, and in part of the preface he writes: "In the publication of so small a treatise the author could not, of course, be influenced by a desire of either gain or fame. The only reason for its publication was and is his desire to make as easy as possible the acquirement of a perfect knowledge of the noble German language." This treatise, published in 1868, is called, "The Genders and Declensions of Common Nouns in the German Language, by Rev. A. B. Bierdeman, Ph.D., A.M., Professor of Language in the State Normal School

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at Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania. At this school his departure was greatly deplored, not only on account of his unusual ability, but also his congenial companionship and cordiality. Also the Lutheran Ministerial Association, to which he belonged, lamented his departure as a loss of great importance to the Lutheran Church.

I am indebted to their daughter, Mrs. Edwin Webb, of Youngstown, for this record.

Their life work, in the early pioneer days of church work of Ohio and Pennsylvania, was full of sacrifice and privations, and after the death of her eminent husband, Rachel Mary was left to face the care and maintenance of their eight children; an heroic task, which she met bravely and well, as the splendid lives of her eight children do testify. Truly she was a Spartan mother. With the rich inheritance of two lines of the clergy, these children had a more than ordinary advantage in life. They were as follows:

- (1) Mary Elizabeth, born August 22, 1853.
- (2) Annetta Catherine, born March 31, 1858.
- (3) Luther Augustus John, born January 11, 1857, Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania.
- (4) Philip Melanchton, born 1860.
- (5) Frances Louisa, born March 14, 1863.
- (6) Paul Ruthrauff, born January 10, 1865.
- (7) Frederick Henry, born February 8, 1869; died October, 1869, in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.
- (8) Gustavus Adolphus, born Saegerstown, Pennsylvania.

ELIZA LORETTA BIERDEMAN

Only child of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Sarah (Cloakey) Bierdeman, born Carlton, Ohio, December 4, 1846, died August 5, 1893, and reared by her step-mother, Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman. Eliza Loretta was the first wife of Theodore E. Heilman, born January 7, 1842, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and died in Youngstown, Ohio, July 8, 1901. She was a woman of great force of character and wonderful memory, and greatly beloved by her sisters and brothers. I am sure she was a fine woman and worthy daughter. Eliza Loretta and Theodore Heilman were the parents of four children:

(1) A. Luther Heilman, born September 16, 1866; died September 30, 1882, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

(2) Sarah E. Heilman, born September 1, 1868, Greenville, Pennsylvania; died September 10, 1895, Youngstown, Ohio.

(3) Gustavus Adolphus Heilman, born March 27, 1872, Greenville, Pennsylvania, where he now lives.

(4) Adeline L. Heilman, born September 4, 1875, Greenville, Pennsylvania. Lives in Youngstown, Ohio.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS HEILMAN

Third child of Theodore and Eliza Laurretta (Bierdeman) Heilman, born Greenville, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1872. Married Hattie M. (—), born Clark's Mills, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1870. Their home is in Greenville, Pennsylvania, and they have had six children, as follows:

(1) A. Laurretta Heilman, born May 27, 1901, Youngstown, Ohio. Lives in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

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(2) Henry E. Heilman, born February 14, 1903. Lives in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

(3) Dorothy M. Heilman, born April 28, 1904, Greenville, Pennsylvania, where she now lives.

(4) Richard G. Heilman, born May 20, 1905; died August 30, 1905, Greenville.

(5) Caroline G. Heilman, born August 14, 1907; died March 15, 1908, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

(6) Luther A. Heilman, born January 17, 1909; died January 24, 1909, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

MARY ELIZABETH BIERDEMAN

Eldest child of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born New Lisbon, Ohio, August 22, 1854, and died in Youngstown, Ohio, January 12, 1919, 8:50 p. m. I have not the date of her marriage to Frank Ludt, born April 9, 1848. Their home was in Youngstown, Ohio, where all their children were born, and they were the parents of ten children, as follows:

(1) Frederick W. C. Ludt, born July 17, 1872; died August 17, 1872.

(2) Charlotte Annetta Ludt, born November 19, 1874.

(3) Frank Christian Ludt, born October 31, 1876.

(4) Edward Henry Ludt, born September 15, 1879.

(5) Paul E. Ludt, born November 18, 1882.

(6) Gustavus Adolphus Ludt, born September 15, 1885; died January 25, 1904.

(7) Emelia R. M. Ludt, born August 18, 1887; died January 23, 1889.

(8) Frances L. Ludt, born January 27, 1890.

(9) Clarence B. Ludt, born June 23, 1897.

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(10) Sara E. Ludt, born June 24, 1895. Married and her husband was in the Marine Service in the World War. Have not learned his name.

CHARLOTTE ANNETTE LUDT.

Oldest child of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Bierde-
man) Ludt, was born November 19, 1874, in Youngs-
town, Ohio, and married William Thomas, born May 17,
1871. Their home is in Youngstown, Ohio, and they
are the parents of seven children, as follows:

- (1) Frank M. Thomas, born November 22, 1884.
 - (2) William E. Thomas, born May 22, 1895.
 - (3) Harriet Thomas, born October 16, 1899.
 - (4) Lottie F. Thomas, born August 5, 1901.
 - (5) Edward C. Thomas, born December 23, 1903.
 - (6) Florence Anetta Thomas, born March 6, 1906.
 - (7) Ralph I. Thomas, born October 16, 1909.
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FRANK M. THOMAS.

Eldest child of William and Charlotte Annette (Ludt)
Thomas, born November 22, 1884, Youngstown, Ohio,
where their home is, married Mary Young and they are
the proud parents of two children, as follows:

- (a) Evelyn Virginia Thomas.
 - (b) Charlotte Thomas.
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WILLIAM E. THOMAS.

Son of William and Charlotte Annette (Ludt) Thomas,
born May 22, 1895, was married to Eva (——) Thomas
and I have no record of any children.

HARRIET THOMAS.

Third child of William and Charlotte Annette (Ludt) Thomas, born October 16, 1899, married Arthur Smith. They have a child, but no name was given.

FRANK C. LUDT.

Third child of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Bierde-
man) Ludt, born October 31, 1876, Youngstown, Ohio,
married Bessie Bell Boynton. No date of their mar-
riage, but their home was in Youngstown, Ohio, where
their seven children were born.

- (1) Mary Annetta Ludt, born September 25, 1897.
 - (2) Agnes Florence Ludt, born August 1, 1899.
 - (3) Catherine Pearl Ludt, born October 19, 1902.
 - (4) Frank Gustavus Ludt, born October 18, 1904.
 - (5) Arthur John Ludt, born November 9, 1909.
 - (6) George James Ludt, born March 19, 1912.
 - (7) Bessie Alice Ludt, born May 6, 1916.
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EDWARD H. LUDT.

Fourth child of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Bierde-
man) Ludt, born Youngstown, Ohio, September 15,
1879, married Bessie Bell Boynton, and their home was
in Youngstown, Ohio, where their children were born.

- (1) Bessie Bell Ludt, born December 12, 1902, died
November 11, 1905.
 - (2) Edward W. Ludt, born April 25, 1904.
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FRANCES LOUISA LUDT.

Eighth child of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Bierde-
man) Ludt, born at Youngstown, Ohio, January 27,
1890. Married George E. Beede, born February 1, 1887.

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Their home is in Youngstown, Ohio, where their only son, Paul Frederick Beede was born April 4, 1901.

SARAH ELIZABETH LUDT.

Tenth child of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Bierdeman) Ludt, born Youngstown, Ohio, June 24, 1895, and married Fred C. Croft.

This ends the record of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Bierdeman) Ludt and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but is not quite complete, for she had sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a truly Christian woman, of fine, sterling character and at her death was surrounded by her family, who sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" while her soul passed into the keeping of her Maker; as is the custom of that family. A sweet custom—would that we all could feel and do so.

LUTHER AUGUSTUS JOHN BIERDEMAN.

Son of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1857, died November 18, 1883. Married Alice Gessaman, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and to them two children were born:

(1) Roy Augustus Bierdeman, born January 11, 1880, at Youngstown, Ohio. Married Stella Mary Newcomer and their home is in Akron, Ohio. He is a contractor and builder and they had one son, Charles, who died at the age of two years.

(2) Charles Henry Bierdeman, born August 5, 1882, died August, 1884, Youngstown, Ohio.

FRANCES LOUISA BIERDEMAN.

Daughter of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born Sagerstown, Pennsylvania,

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March 14, 1862, married George D. Gessman, born Sharon, Pennsylvania, 1860. Their home is in Youngstown, Ohio. To them were born two children:

(1) William G. Gessman, born Youngstown, Ohio. Married Eva Taylor, born 1888, and their home is in Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

(2) Myron Bierdeman Gessman, born 1894, Youngstown, Ohio. Attended "Western Reserve Law School," at Cleveland, Ohio. He was in the U. S. service of the "World War." Was in camp January, 1918, at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Training for service in W. S. A. A. S. Section 542. A fine young man, over six feet tall. I understand his home is in Youngstown, Ohio.

REV. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS BIERDEMAN, D.D.

Son of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born Sagerstown, Pennsylvania. Received his education at Youngstown and Columbus, Ohio, and Philadelphia. His first pastorate was in Utica, New York, where he met and married his first wife, Miss Amelia Hennel, born Utica, New York, daughter of a wealthy widow of that city. Here his six children were born, as follows:

(1) Josephine Bierdeman. New York.

(2) Gertrude Bierdeman, nurse. Home, Toledo, Ohio.

(3) George Bierdeman, married a Jewess and they and their children live in Dakota.

(4) Bernhard Bierdeman. Chicago.

(5) Sophia Bierdeman, married June, 1922, Toledo, Ohio.

(6) Ruth Bierdeman, married in 1921, has one child, lives in Utica, New York.

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Rev. Gustavus Adolphus Bierdeman's second pastorate was in Toledo, Ohio, where his wife passed away. Later he married Miss Lucy Reninger, and left Toledo, in April, 1917, to accept a call to the Lutheran Church at Findlay, Ohio. From there they went to Albany, New York, where they now reside. I regret to say that this cousin was so indifferent to my requests for his family record and data, that I can only give what I gathered at random, and can give no dates or other information, other than that he is a successful minister, in good standing, did a fine work in Utica, New York, and raised a family of unusually fine children, some of whom are married, and Gertrude, I think, who cared for her mother so tenderly and carefully, in her last illness, is a trained nurse. Bernhard is spoken of as an especially fine young man. Sailed for France November, 1918, in U. S. Service of Quartermaster's Department, in charge of a cargo of freight. A valuable man to the government. Here I am obliged to leave the record of Rev. Gustavus Adolphus, who I am sure is a worthy descendant of his great ancestors.

ANNETTA CATHERINE BIERDEMAN

Second daughter of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born Clarion County, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1855, moved with her parents to Youngstown, Ohio, where she grew up and lived her life. She was a woman of strong, Christian character, greatly interested in church work and philanthropic work. Late in life she married Mr. Edwin Webb, born in England November 21, 1843, died in Youngstown, Ohio, May 1, 1904. Annetta was his second wife. He was a contractor and builder, and after his death, Annetta took up his work, building several houses and

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attending to all the business herself. She died in Youngstown, Ohio, April 8, 1919, and was buried in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, leaving no children, and with the exception of a few small bequests, willed her property to church and charity work. The following resolutions were taken from the "Lutheran Church" paper, and will give you a better idea of her sterling worth:

MRS. ANNETTA WEBB

In whose memory the following resolutions were adopted by the Woman's League of Youngstown and vicinity:

Whereas, In the providence of God, Mrs. Annetta Webb, our beloved President, has been called to her eternal home, and

Whereas, We have sustained a deep loss, in our Lutheran Woman's League, by her untimely death, and

Whereas, There has been one taken from our midst, who was a devoted Christian woman and profoundly interested in all the activities of the Church, having given of her time and talent to the furthering of the interests of Christ's kingdom on earth; therefore be it

Resolved, Firstly, That we, the members of the Lutheran Woman's League of Youngstown and vicinity, express our appreciation of her Christian character, her personal devotion to Christ and the Church, her faithfulness to every duty imposed upon her, and her liberality in giving of her talent and money for the advancement of Christ's kingdom here.

Secondly, That we are grateful to God for her generous contribution in money, for the furthering of the interest of the League, in this community, and we pray God that her influence and generosity may not be lost to us.

Thirdly, That we express to the bereaved family, our sympathy, and may the Lord, whom she loved and served, sustain them in their hour of grief.

Fourthly, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and given such publicity as the League may see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. KRATZ,

MRS. EMIL WESTLUND,

MRS. A. L. GLUCK,

Committee.

PHILIP MELANCTHON BIERDEMAN

Son of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born Sagerstown, Pennsylvania, died in 1911, in Youngstown, Ohio. Was City Fireman and married Louisa Augusta Coppersmith, born Hubbard, Ohio, November 5, 1864. To them two sons were born, as follows:

(1) Edgar William Bierdeman, born Youngstown, Ohio, May 29, 1889, son of Philip Melancthon and Augusta (Coppersmith) Bierdeman. Was a plumber by trade and married Lydia Cook and their home is in Youngstown, Ohio. They have three children, as follows:

(a) Edgar Paul Bierdeman, born December 5, 1913.

(b) Charles Arthur Bierdeman, born June 28, 1915.

(c) May Edna Bierdeman, born April 8, 1917.

(2) Ralph Augustus Bierdeman, son of Philip Melancthon and Augusta (Coppersmith) Bierdeman, born November 5, 1890, who lives in Cleveland, Ohio, an Electrical Worker.

PAUL RUTHRAUFF BIERDEMAN

Son of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman, born Sagerstown, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1865, moved to Youngstown, Ohio, and grew up in the home of his parents. Married Sara Andrews of Findlay, Ohio. As they had no children they adopted a son, who was born 1895, but they have not given his name. Their home is in Jackson, Mississippi.

This ends the record of Rev. Augustus Bernhard and Rachel Mary (Ruthrauff) Bierdeman.

CHAPTER XI

ELIZABETH RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, born December 27, 1829, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, moved with her parents to Canton, Ohio, and grew up in her father's home, was married to William Petcher and they moved to Rock Island, Illinois, and were engaged in the bottling of light summer drinks and confectionery. To them seven children were born, as follows, for whom I have no dates:

- (1) Jerome Petcher, not living.
- (2) Julia Petcher, not living.
- (3) Jennie Petcher, Matron in Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Davenport, Iowa.
- (4) William Petcher, wholesale Confectioner at Rock Island and Moline, Illinois. Is married and has a family, but I have no record of them.
- (5) George Douglas Petcher, married Miss Mary Shadey and lives in California.
- (6) Alonzo Petcher lives in Rock Island, Illinois.
- (7) Charles Kirby Petcher, born December 25, 1862, lives in Chicago, Illinois, and is a member of the Chicago Wall Paper Mill Co. of Steubenville, Ohio, manufacturers of wall paper. A fine appearing, tall, splendid man, very greatly handicapped by loss of hearing, but an earnest, energetic business man, of high standing. Was united in marriage with Mrs. Alma Oakly Crane, of Chicago, Illinois, of Swedish descent. They have no children.



John Ruthrauff, Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. U. Grant Baker, Indianapolis, Ind.

John G. Baker, Oklahoma.

CHAPTER XII

JOHN RUTHRAUFF IV, MERCHANT

Son of John and Mary (Schriver) Ruthrauff, and grandson of Rev. John Ruthrauff, was born in Washington County, Maryland, November 13, 1831, in a quaint old stone house on the Zeigler farm, five miles from Hagerstown, and two miles north of Leitersburg, Maryland. In the fall of 1834, at the age of three years, moved with his parents to Canton, Stark County, Ohio. Their conveyances were a big, blue Pennsylvania wagon, drawn by four horses, and a one-horse wagon, *luxuries* for those days, when horseback riding was the mode of travel, and every young man and woman was supposed to own a riding horse, and it was quite common for one horse to carry two. His brother, Henry, led the way on foot.

They located on a farm, south of Canton, Ohio, where John Ruthrauff grew up to early manhood. In 1857, at the age of nineteen, he went to Lima, Ohio, and secured a position as general clerk in the mercantile firm of King and Kendall. Lima was then a village of 1800 inhabitants, with no railroad or telegraph connection with the outside world, slow mail service, postage five cents a letter, to be paid when received. Not until he located at Findlay, Ohio, in August of 1855, was he again able to visit his old home.

He began his business career in Findlay, Ohio, as a clerk in the store of Wheeler Brothers. For many years he was in partnership with John B. May, in the hardware business. In 1872 he became the sole owner of the business, retiring in 1902. He was an active Republican, a member of the Masonic Order, and an Odd Fellow. He

was also interested in the glass industry in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, with his son-in-law, U. G. Baker. He was an earnest, active member of the First English Lutheran Church—the church of his forefathers—and was twice elected a Lay Delegate to the Synodical Meeting, but was prevented from serving by his strenuous business life. He was a devoted, loving husband and father, a fine, up-standing citizen, always taking a keen interest in civic affairs, and in the upbuilding and uplift of humanity, a kind friend to the needy, and many were the lives made richer and more beautiful by the splendid example of this fine, old-school gentleman.

On May 29, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Emily McCully Gray, daughter of Rev. David and Naomi (Lofland) Gray, who was born in Sussex County, Delaware, and came to Ohio in 1829, where Mr. Gray was licensed to preach in 1831. Rev. Gray was one of the pioneer characters of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northwestern Ohio, a blazer of the way, and was famed for his ability and piety. Emily McCully Gray united with the church of her father's faith at an early age, and remained a faithful, active member until 1882, when with her husband and daughters, she united with the First English Lutheran Church, of Findlay, Ohio. In her young womanhood, she was noted for her beauty, grace of manner and her music, for she had a beautiful soprano voice. She graciously lent her influence and ability to all philanthropic work, and later in life, she loved, cultivated, and surrounded herself with beautiful flowers, emblems of purity and sweetness, which, through her kindness, found their way to hosts of sick and sorrowing friends. This true, devoted daughter was the ever loving, thoughtful, helpful wife of John Ruthrauff for fifty-two years, and together, their lives stood for all that was

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good and beautiful. Her last work on earth was to cut and fill the vases in their home with the beautiful flowers she loved so well, making the earthly home a fit dwelling place for the soul that was so soon to take its flight into a higher, more beautiful life. To this happy union four children were born, as follows:

(1) Harry Ruthrauff, born 1862, died 1864, Findlay, Ohio.

(2) Mary Eleanor Ruthrauff, born 1866, Findlay Ohio.

(3) Linda Gray Ruthrauff, born 1868, Findlay, Ohio.

(4) Frederick G. Ruthrauff, born 1879, Findlay, Ohio.

Their lives were spent in Findlay, Ohio, where their children grew up, and they were closely identified with the growth of Findlay. In 1911 they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, a most notable and happy event. Mrs. Emily (Gray) Ruthrauff passed sweetly and peacefully away, May 31, 1913, just two days after they had celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary, at the close of a beautiful May day, and the remembrance of her good deeds will remain as the perfume of the beautiful flowers she loved so well. Dr. A. C. Barnes, a life-long friend of the family, paid a personal and most feeling tribute to Mrs. Ruthrauff, and Rev. G. A. Bierderman offered a prayer. Rev. J. O. Simons, her pastor, preached an eloquent discourse from the text, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." His eulogy of Mrs. Ruthrauff was inspiring and helpful. Her pall bearers were her sons and nephews: J. C. Stubbs, C. C. Higgins, U. G. Baker, Harry H. Gray, Fred Ruthrauff, and W. G. Higgins. She was laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery, beneath a wealth of beautiful flowers. John Ruthrauff survived her six years. He passed away July 4, 1919, the last of his family, and was laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery,

by the side of his beloved wife. Services were in charge of Rev. S. E. Greenewalt, of Springfield, Ohio, Dr. G. A. Bierdeman and Dr. C. C. Peale.

MARY ELEANOR RUTHRAUFF

Eldest daughter of John and Emily McCully (Gray) Ruthrauff, born in Findlay, Ohio, October 15, 1866. Was educated in the Findlay Public Schools, Hagerstown Seminary, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio. Truly her mother's daughter—active in church and charity work; during the "World War" a tireless worker for the cause. Was a member of the "Navy League," "Red Cross," "D. A. R." and is a member of the board of managers of the Indianapolis Home for Aged Women—an ideal hostess in her home, and a devoted, loyal wife and mother. Was united in marriage with Ulysses G. Baker, in 1889. Mr. Baker was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, June 17, 1864, son of Christopher Degraff and Martha (Edmonston) Baker. Was educated in the Public Schools of Bellaire, Ohio. He entered the employ of the Bellaire Window Glass Company, in 1885. In 1886, with associates, built a window-glass plant at Findlay, Ohio, and has been actively engaged in the manufacture of glass to the present time. Is president of the Baker Brothers Glass Company, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and Clarksburg, West Virginia. A fine, splendid, self-made man. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Meridian Street Methodist Church, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they have resided since 1901. They have one son, John Edmonston Baker, born April 26, 1891, in Findlay, Ohio, where the family resided until 1895, when they moved to Arcadia, Indiana, remaining there six years. In 1901 they moved

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to Indianapolis, Indiana. He received his education in the Public Schools of Indianapolis, and was graduated from Shortridge High School. He attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, after which he engaged in the real estate business in Indianapolis, and later took a position as secretary of Baker Brothers Glass Company, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. When war was declared, he enlisted and entered the training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, receiving a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, 330 Field Artillery, U. S. Reserves; was transferred to Camp Custer, Michigan, and from there to Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. On April 20, 1918, he was married to Miss Frances Warren Goodell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Philips Goodell, banker of Loda, Illinois, and they began their home making at Camp Custer. Afterwards he was transferred to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where they remained from May until August, when he was transferred to Camp Mead for embarkation for overseas service. He remained there until the armistice was signed. After his discharge from the service, he again took up his work with the Baker Brothers Glass Company, of Okmulgee Oklahoma. They have two sons:

(1) John Edmonston Baker, Jr., born February 23, 1919, Chicago, Ill.

(2) Nathan Philips Goodell Baker, born May 31, 1920, Indianapolis, Ind.

LINDA GRAY RUTHRAUFF

Third child of John and Emily McCully (Gray) Ruthrauff, born in Findlay, Ohio, 1868. Was educated in the Public Schools of Findlay, Ohio, at Hagerstown Seminary, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Baldwin Univer-

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sity, Berea, Ohio. The pure gold standby of her parents, living with and caring for them to the end of their lives. She is a deeply devoted Christian woman, fully awake and interested in, and actively engaged in all church and missionary work connected with her home church. Was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Findlay, Ohio, a strong, reliable Christian character. After the death of her parents, she became a member of her sister's family, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

FREDERICK G. RUTHRAUFF

Son of John and Emily McCully (Gray) Ruthrauff, born in Findlay, Ohio, August 6, 1879, where he grew up and attended the Public Schools. In the years of 1898 and 1899 he attended the University of Nevada, at Reno, Nevada, and while there developed a strong artistic ability. His teachers urged him to develop this talent, and in 1899 he returned to Findlay with this end in view. Owing to financial inability, however, he was unable to do so, and secured a position with the "Toledo Times" at Toledo, Ohio. After a short time with them, he accepted a position with the Baker Brothers Glass Company, at Shirley, Indiana, and remained there about five years. In 1907 he went to the Pacific Coast, accepting a position with the Southern Pacific R. R. Company, and has been in their employ until the present time. In 1908 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Nell Morton Buckman. They reside in Berkeley, California. All through the past years, he has, during his spare time, devoted himself to his beloved art, and in the last several years has made rapid progress. In the year of 1921 he met William V. Cahill, an Eastern artist of the "Impression-

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istic School," who opened his eyes to the possibilities of color, and it was Mr. Cahill's encouragement and inspiring instruction, that set him again on the path of artistic endeavor. In 1922 he was granted a year's leave of absence by the Southern Pacific R. R. Company, to pursue his studies in Paris. We are anticipating great things from him; even now, he is an artist of no mean ability. There were no children to this marriage.

CHAPTER XIII

JOHN HENRY RUTHRAUFF

Son of Rev. John and Ann Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, born July 11, 1789; baptized August 23, 1789. Witnesses were Henry and wife, Magdalena Ruthrauff. From baptismal records of Zion (Quickels) Lutheran Church, six miles north of York, Pennsylvania, by John B. Hamma, of York, Pennsylvania. John Henry Ruthrauff was a merchant of Chambersburg and Little York, Pennsylvania, and he married Susan Sryver, of Little York, Pennsylvania, born 1786, died June 13, 1866. To them three children were born, as follows:

- (1) William Ruthrauff, died October, 1847.
- (2) Margaret Ruthrauff, born 1822, died 1872, unmarried, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- (3) Charles Ruthrauff.

WILLIAM RUTHRAUFF

Son of John Henry and Susan (Sryver) Ruthrauff, of whose birth there is no record. However, in a letter from Samuel Ruthrauff to his nephew, Henry Ruthrauff, of Canton, I learn William Ruthrauff was a merchant of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and that he married Julia Ann Thompson, also of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; that they had three children, and that he died the second Tuesday of October, 1847. That he was a busy, pious man, and he called all to his bedside and bade them farewell and said "he was going home to his Heavenly father." That he left a wife and two small children living. Their children were as follows:

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(1) Alice Ruthrauff, who died very young.

(2) Alonzo Thompson Ruthrauff, born November 25, 1839; died March 2, 1923, in San Francisco.

(3) Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born 1844, third child of William and Julia Ann (Thompson) Ruthrauff, who married Adolphus Brown, and their children are:

(a) Alice Gertrude Brown, born September 22, 1872.

(b) Walter Brown.

As there is no further record of Adolphus and Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Brown, other than her death, in 1877, and having no record of her husband, Adolphus Brown, or their son, Walter Brown, I will give the record here of

ALICE GERTRUDE BROWN

Daughter of Adolphus and Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Brown, born September 22, 1872, at Santa Cruz, California, who married Thomas Scoble, and who undoubtedly lived in Pacific Grove, California, as their six children were born there, as follows:

(1) Dorothy Gertrude Scoble, born August 12, 1897. Married Dr. Russell Raymond Payne.

(2) Thomas Ruthrauff Scoble, born September 7, 1898.

(3) Harry Alonzo Scoble, born February 22, 1900.

(4) William Donald Scoble, born April 15, 1901.

(5) Alice Scoble, born February 27, 1903; died December 17, 1904.

(6) Elizabeth Julia Scoble, born January 20, 1906.

ALONZO THOMPSON RUTHRAUFF

Second child of William and Julia Ann (Thompson) Ruthrauff, born November 25, 1839, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; died March 2, 1923. Moved in his seventh

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year with his mother to California, where he has spent his life in or near San Francisco. Married in 1864 Helen Fitzgerald, and to them four children were born, as follows:

(1) Cora Alice Ruthrauff, born January 31, 1865.

(2) William Alonzo Ruthrauff, born March 31, 1866. Married September 10, 1889, Alice Ross Ladd. No children.

(3) Henry Fitzgerald Ruthrauff, born May 5, 1870. Married Saidee Gerard. No children.

(4) Helen Louise Ruthrauff, born July 29, 1878. Married Harry O. Raynor. They have one child, Helen Louise Raynor, born in San Francisco, May 14, 1906. The only data I have to offer of the sons of Alonzo Thompson Ruthrauff is from an article in the "San Francisco Bulletin" of June 25, 1923:

"Henry Fitzgerald Ruthrauff, writer and poet, and his wife, Saidee Gerard Ruthrauff, poetess, and niece and heiress of the late Sarah L. Winchester, whose estate and income came from the Winchester Arms Co., and has been left to eight nieces and nephews, who will have a constant income from it, and at the death of each legatee the inheritance will be turned over to the New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ruthrauff are writers and poets, people of high ideals and high achievements. Mrs. Ruthrauff, who has always worked in the interest of dumb animals, will use much of her income from the Winchester estate to the bringing of happiness into the lives of stray cats and dogs. There are no children to this marriage."

CHARLES RUTHRAUFF

Son of John Henry and Susan (Sryver) Ruthrauff. When I first knew him, many years ago, he was engaged

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in the mercantile business in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the year 1849 he married Henrietta Slaymaker, of Margaretta Furnace, Pennsylvania, of which her father was the owner. She was born and spent her girlhood days in York, Pennsylvania. To them were born three children, William H., 1850, Henry C., 1855, and Margaretta S., 1852, one of the most beautiful young girls I ever saw. Charles Ruthrauff died in 1868 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1876 Margaretta married John F. R. Evans, nephew of General John F. Reynolds, who was killed in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. Evans was manager of an iron furnace in Alabama. He had a bright future before him, but death came to him while he was still a young man. To them were born two children, Kate Evans and William R. Evans. After the death of her husband, Mr. Evans, Margaretta and her children returned to Fort Wayne, to make their home with William and his mother.

In 1884 the family removed to Salem, Virginia, where William and his sister had purchased a farm. The failing health of William made the change of abode and occupation necessary. Up to this time he had been a bank clerk. After a few years at farming, William accepted a position with a Salem bank, Farmer's National, eventually becoming its president, which office he held until 1922, when he retired. However, he still retains his membership on the Board of Directors. For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Roanoke College of Salem, and its Treasurer. In the year 1891 he married the widow of George M. Horner, a retired English sea captain. To the latter union no children were born.

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In the year 1907 Mrs. Charles Ruthrauff died in Salem, Virginia, leaving, beside her family, a host of friends, drawn to her by her gracious bearing, her warm interest in the church and social life of the town, and her personal charm. She was a true and constant friend, a wise counsellor, a charming companion, readily adapting herself to all ages and conditions. Her simple and childlike faith was a marked characteristic. She, with her husband and splendid family, were devoted members of the Lutheran Church, and her very presence was a benediction.

In 1916 Mrs. William Ruthrauff died, William R. Evans in 1916, Kate Evans in 1917, and their mother, Margaretta (Ruthrauff) Evans, in 1922.

Quoting from a tribute to Mrs. Evans from a Salem, Virginia, paper:

"Mrs. Evans possessed, in a marked degree, that poise which is the expression only of a high order of mind and heart, and of Christian faith that burns ever brightly; a culture that made invaluable her counsel; a rare combination of aristocratic dignity, sparkling wit and humor, seasoned with exquisite taste and refinement that made her companionship always charming.

"We of the Woman's Club feel deeply, with all those whose lives she touched, the great loss which has come to us. How can we of the Red Cross work go on without her, whose untiring zeal and work meant so much to us? Truly she who gave of the very best that was in her to every good work, and who bore her life's sorrows with such a sustained heroism, born of sweet submission to God's will, and a dominating desire to brighten life for others, has left an influence which must be felt by all with whom she came in contact."

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Surely she has splendidly fulfilled the promise of her girlhood.

Henry and William are still living, continuing their residence at Salem. Henry is unmarried.

Mrs. William Ruthrauff was an English lady of very excellent family, but had lived the greater part of her life in this country. She never lost her affection for brother and sisters, visiting them annually, where they resided in England, William generally going with her. The death of his mother, just before they returned from one of these visits, was a great shock and sorrow to them. Though no heirs will be left to this fine family, the splendid influence of their clean Christian lives will live long after they are gone. Truly, "Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime."

CHAPTER XIV

SAMUEL RUTHRAUFF

Son of Rev. Johann and Ann Marie (Hamma) Ruthrauff, born in Greencastle, Pa., October 11, 1791; baptized November 5, 1791, at Zion's (Quickel's) Lutheran Church, six miles north of York; died March 19, 1858, in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. Was reared at the old homestead near Greencastle, Pennsylvania. When a young man, operated the mill on his father's place and was afterwards engaged in merchandising at Marion and St. Thomas, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and served at Baltimore. He married Isabella Patton, born August 5, 1795; died September 1, 1872. Both are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. To them were born eight children:

(1) John Ruthrauff, born November 16, 1816; died March 10, 1906.

(2) Sarah Jane Ruthrauff, born January 25, 1818.

(3) Anna Maria Ruthrauff, born February 20, 1820; died 1840.

(4) James Ruthrauff, born January 14, 1822; died March 19, 1822.

(5) Louisa Ruthrauff, born August 26, 1823; died 1824.

(6) William P. Ruthrauff, born July 3, 1825.

(7) Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born January 31, 1826; died December 9, 1854.

(8) Charles Henry Ruthrauff, born October 18, 1836; died July 19, 1916.

All their children were born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and were a great credit to their fine parents.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF

Son of Samuel and Isabella (Patton) Ruthrauff, born November 16, 1816, in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, was reared, until nearly eighteen years of age, on the old homestead of his grandfather, Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, near Greencastle, Pennsylvania. When about eighteen years of age he engaged as clerk, at Lowdon, Franklin County, in a general store, and in 1838, in partnership with his father, opened a store at Marion. In 1846 he sold out the store and began farming on the Frederick farm, three miles north of Greencastle. Abandoning this, he bought one hundred and fifty acres of land on the Leitersburg Road, living, however, in Greencastle. This farm he sold, then bought the first farm east of town, on the Waynesboro Road, of fifty-six acres, which he afterwards increased to seventy-four acres. He then became largely interested in dealing in live stock and wool, which he continued for twenty-three years. Mr. Ruthrauff was a member of the Presbyterian Church, was a Republican in politics, and during the Civil War took an active part in upholding the Union cause. He was active in securing enlistments and in filling the Antrim Township first quotas. Was appointed and acted as treasurer of the committee for collecting money to pay bounties. April 17, 1861, an agreement was made and signed by sixty-seven citizens of Greencastle, agreeing to support the families of the Greencastle Company during their absence in defense of their country. Dr. William Grub's name was first on the list, and Mr. Ruthrauff's second. This document is now, 1887, in the hands of Mr. Ruthrauff. It was written and signed three days after the firing on Ft. Sumter. Mr. Ruthrauff, with the assistance of the loyal citizens of the

township, raised \$31,000.00 in four days, 16th to 19th of April, 1864, and in four days after had paid sixty-two men \$500.00 each and they were mustered into the United States service. The devotion to the Union cause was such that the above named amount was raised without any assurance of its being refunded, but it depended on the Legislature to pass a special act authorizing the School Board of the township to levy, collect and pay over to the treasurer the above amount, which was accomplished the following spring, and the amount returned to each one of the contributors. Mr. Ruthrauff lost considerably by Lee's army, and was obliged to "make himself scarce" when it was there. He was married to Margaret Jane Rankin, a daughter of Andrew B. and Margaret (Ritchy) Rankin, and they have had six children, two of whom died when young, four now living:

(1) Mary B., married to S. J. Strite.

(2) William, in the livery business in Greencastle; married Florence Hammond.

(3) Margaret, married Frederick Fletcher.

(4) John R., an attorney at Greencastle, now of Chambersburg; married to Miss Margaret Laushe, of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ruthrauff and his family are Presbyterians. He now lives, 1887, on the old Rankin homestead, which Squire Rankin bought in 1822, and on it built the house.

(The above was taken from the History of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, published by Warner Beers & Co. in 1887.)

John Ruthrauff was also a farmer. He was a public-spirited man, interested in and closely associated with all public improvements, and all philanthropic work in his vicinity.

Of the four children of John and Margaret (Rankin) Ruthrauff, one died in youth.

(5) Isabel Patton Ruthrauff, born July 31, 1855; died August 30, 1863.

(6) Infant son, died September 24, 1858.

John Ruthrauff died March 10, 1906, in Greencastle, and his wife, Margaret (Rankin) Ruthrauff, born May 9, 1824; died August 26, 1893, in Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

MARY BELL RUTHRAUFF

First child of John and Margaret (Rankin) Ruthrauff, born August 9, 1849, in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, married January 18, 1869, to Samuel J. Strite, born December 25, 1843, also of Greencastle. The records I have, give their residence as Fayette, Missouri, but a letter from Mrs. Strite, in 1917, gives their home as in Pennsylvania, most likely Greencastle. I have no further data except that they were the parents of six children, as follows:

(1) John Ruthrauff Strite, born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1870. Now living at Fayette, Missouri. Married Georgianna E. McDougal, born July 3, 1873.

(2) Belle Strite, born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1871. Now living at Fayette, Missouri.

(3) Henry S. Strite, born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1873. Now living in St. Louis, Missouri. Married Minnie Ritter, born August 18, 1875.

(4) Margaret R. Strite, born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1875. Now living Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

(5) Annie E. Strite, born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1878, died February 2, 1891.

(6) Charles W. Strite, born in Raynor, West Virginia, January 12, 1880. Now living in Long, Alaska. Married Ruth Sherbourne, born December 20, 1877, Long, Alaska.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF STRITE

First son of Samuel J. and Mary Bell (Ruthrauff) Strite, born February 9, 1870, was for twenty-five years a druggist, in St. Louis, Missouri, and is now proprietor and owner of a very large stock and grain farm five miles from Fayette, Missouri. Married Georgianna E. McDougal, born July 3, 1873, and they are the parents of three children, as follows:

- (a) Margaret C. Strite, born March 18, 1895.
- (b) Mary G. Strite, born January 28, 1897, died March 21, 1907.
- (c) John Strite, died in infancy.

HENRY STRITE

Son of Samuel J. and Mary Bell (Ruthrauff) Strite, born February 16, 1873, is with the Metropolitan Insurance Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, married Minnie Ritter, born August 18, 1875. They are the parents of three children, as follows:

- (a) Harry R. Strite, born August 1, 1902.
- (b) Charles W. Strite, born May 4, 1906.
- (c) Richard A. Strite, born October 1, 1915.

CHARLES W. STRITE

Son of Samuel J. and Mary Bell (Ruthrauff) Strite, born January 12, 1880, has a general store and is mining, in Long, Alaska. He married Ruth Sherbourne, born December 20, 1877. No children born to this union.

WILLIAM RANKIN RUTHRAUFF

Second child of John and Margaret (Rankin) Ruthrauff, born Greencastle, September 28, 1851, died August 6, 1912. Married February 23, 1875, Florence Hammond. He was associated with his father, in buying wool, through Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, for a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commission firm. Their home was in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and they were parents of two children, as follows:

- (a) Jessie Louise Ruthrauff.
 - (b) William R. Ruthrauff, who married Anna Gillette.
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MARGARET RITCHIE RUTHRAUFF

Third child of John and Margaret (Rankin) Ruthrauff, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1853, was married October 17, 1872, to Charles Frederick Fletcher, born Greencastle, November 1, 1843, and to them four children were born, as follows:

- (1) Elizabeth Fletcher, born, no date, married Watson R. Snivley, born, no date. There were no children to this marriage.
- (2) Margaret Ruthrauff Fletcher, no dates.
- (3) Ann Rowe Fletcher, no dates.
- (4) Mary Helen Fletcher, no dates, married E. Valentine Thompson, no dates.

E. Valentine and Mary Helen (Fletcher) Thompson were parents of two children:

- (a) Edward Bostwick Thompson.
- (b) Margaret Ritchie Thompson. No dates or data.

JOHN ROUSH RUTHRAUFF

Fifth child of John and Margaret (Rankin) Ruthrauff, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1857, was educated at Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, now Bucknell. Admitted to the Franklin County Bar, in 1880. Lived for a time in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Is now Municipal lawyer, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, respected and esteemed by all who know him. October 6, 1885, he married Margaret Watson Lawshe, born April 7, 1855, died March 23, 1912. To them four children were born:

- (1) Eleanor Lawshe Ruthrauff, born August 28, 1886.
- (2) Pauline Lawshe Ruthrauff, born May 13, 1889.
- (3) Margaret Watson Ruthrauff, born July 31, 1892.
- (4) John Rankin Ruthrauff, born May 8, 1895.

Later in life he married Miss Alice Lawshe, born November 30, 1867. There were no children to this marriage.

ELEANOR LAWSHE RUTHRAUFF

Eleanor Lawshe Ruthrauff, born August 28, 1886, was married August 28, 1913, to Henry S. Nixon and their home was in Cleveland, Ohio, until the death of her husband, November 6, 1919, since which time she has lived in Chambersburg, together with her daughter Margaret Schmucker Nixon, born November 23, 1919.

SARAH JANE RUTHRAUFF

Second child of Samuel and Isabella (Patton) Ruthrauff, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1818, married Washington Crooks, widowed husband of her sister, Elizabeth Ruthrauff, who was born January 31,

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1826, and died in Greencastle, December 9, 1854. There were no children to either of these marriages.

Sarah Ruthrauff Crooks outlived her husband. She was public spirited and philanthropic, was a charter member of the W. C. T. U., organized in Greencastle, in October, 1883. She made her home with her brother, Charles Ruthrauff, and her brothers Charles, William and John were her heirs. Her nephew, John R. Ruthrauff of Chambersburg was her attorney.

From Warner Beers & Co., Franklin County history I learn that Mrs. M. J. Ruthrauff, Mrs. Belle Ruthrauff, Mrs. Charles Ruthrauff were charter members of the W. C. T. U. of Greencastle, organized in 1883.

(3) Ann Maria Ruthrauff, born February 20, 1820, died 1840.

(4) James Ruthrauff, born January 14, 1822, died March 19, 1822.

(5) Louisa Ruthrauff born August 26, 1823, died 1824.

All died unmarried. Children of Samuel and Isabelle (Patton) Ruthrauff.

CHARLES HENRY RUTHRAUFF

Son of Samuel and Isabella (Patton) Ruthrauff, born in St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1836, grew up in his father's home, was educated in Canton, Ohio, and for many years, was one of Greencastle's leading business men; being associated with Jacob Hostetter, in the grocery business, in Center Square, Greencastle, and later engaged in the same business alone, in the Town Hall building. He was one of Greencastle's best known citi-

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zens and one of the most active, in all that concerned its best interests. During the '80s he was Assistant Sergeant-at-arms in the lower house of the legislature, at Harrisburg.

Under President Harrison, he was postmaster of Greencastle, and also for a number of years, Registrar of Vital Statistics and Health Officer of Greencastle. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a presiding elder in it. He was a very active member of the Republican party and believed thoroughly in its principles, and was an ardent advocate, as well as a consistent supporter of them. Was a charter member of the "Knights of Honor and Legion of Honor," organized in February of 1880 and 1881.

He was a big-hearted, sympathetic man, and numberless incidents are related of his kindness to his neighbors and particularly to children.

Many little ones, when ill, were made more cheerful by the receipt of gifts of fruit, etc. He had always a kindly word for every child in the town, who came under his notice. He was an honorable, forceful, and helpful citizen, with hosts of friends.

He married Eleanor Pawling Dietrich, born in Greencastle, November 3, 1835, daughter of Gen. David and Margaret (Cornman) Deitrich, who were married 1831. Margaret (Cornman) Deitrich died 1839, leaving three children, of whom Eleanor is the only surviving one.

Gen. David Deitrich was son of Christian and Susan (Statler) Deitrich, who was son of Lewis and Julia Ann (Gurshurt) Deitrich, a native of Germany, a drummer, during the Revolutionary War in the Patriot army. To them were born thirteen children. "She was a remarkably resolute woman and when eighty years of age, walked nine miles to visit her children, wading the creeks

on the way." (Quotation from Warner, Beers & Co. history of Franklin County.)

To Charles H. and Elinor P. (Deitrich) Ruthrauff were born two children:

(1) Isabel Patton Ruthrauff, born July 27, 1859.

(2) Lillian Catherine Ruthrauff, born July 9, 1872, who is a resident agent, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, Fire Insurance Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, also a writer and reporter for six newspapers, two of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is unmarried.

Charles H. Ruthrauff died July 19, 1914, after a number of years of ill health, during which he retired from business, and his wife, Elinor Pauline Deitrich died May 26, 1915. Both are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Greencastle.

ISABEL PATTON RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of Charles and Elinor P. (Deitrich) Ruthrauff, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1859, grew up in her father's home and was educated in the public schools of Greencastle, and married Ignatius Gregory Rider, born January 31, 1857, at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. There were no children to this union.

Mr. Rider was associated with the Frick Co., manufacturers of engines, ice plants, etc., thirty-two years, as traveling salesman, and later, master mechanic. He retired from his strenuous life, in time to avoid a more serious illness, we are happy to say. He is a public-spirited man and interested in all philanthropic work. During the World War he was chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter.

CHAPTER XV

REV. WILLIAM PATTON RUTHRAUFF

The Zanesville (Ohio) Courier of May 26th, 1876, publishes the following just tribute to the memory and worth of William Patton Ruthrauff:

“William Patton Ruthrauff, second son of Samuel and Isabel (Patton) Ruthrauff, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, was born in that city, July 3, 1825. He was early designed by his parents for the Lutheran ministry and after the usual course of preparatory study, was entered, in 1844, at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg. He remained here for two years, when he entered Jefferson College, Canonsburg, where he graduated with honors, in 1848. For a year succeeding his graduation, he was engaged as tutor, at Jefferson College, and at the same time, continued his studies in the regular course which was afforded by the Seminary at Canonsburg. He entered the ministry in 1849, and has consequently been twenty-seven years thus employed. His first charge was at Schellsburg, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and he continued there about two years, when he received a call to the pastorate of Trinity Church at Canton, Ohio. After a residence of eight years in Canton, where he built up a large and flourishing congregation, he was induced to take charge of a mission at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he remained for the same length of time as at Canton. The character and extent of his labors at Fort Wayne, are attested by the influential society and beautiful church edifice that arose during this period.

“In 1867 he accepted a call from the society of Christ Church, one of the most flourishing congregations in the denomination, at Easton, Pennsylvania. After a pas-



Rev. William Patton Ruthrauff, Zanesville, Ohio.

torate of four years, in this beautiful city, at the earnest solicitation of his synod, he was again induced to undertake a mission in the west, and this time located at Akron, Ohio. In a remarkably short time of two years, his efforts met with such success, that a substantial edifice, costing, with other church property, about \$75,000, was erected, and a congregation established, that is now one of the most important in that city, in numbers and influence. Failing health caused him to relinquish his charge there, and he was persuaded to remove to Zanesville, where he has since resided as pastor of St. John's church and also of a country church, some eight miles from the city.

"In this community he was greatly respected and esteemed—not only in his own congregation, but by all who knew him. He was a sound theologian, an able preacher, and (as it is but simple justice to say) 'a good man, in every sense of the term.' One whose daily life exemplified and adorned the doctrine which he preached. It may be said of him, that he 'did justly, and loved mercy and walked humbly with his God.' His genial and kindly manner, his amiability of disposition, and the perfect honesty and sincerity of his character, will not be forgotten by those who have had the good fortune to number him among their friends."

From John Lehman's History of Stark County, Ohio, I learn that Rev. William Patton Ruthrauff was elected pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Canton, December, 1851, at a salary of \$350.00 a year, and whatever else they could raise. At a special meeting of the vestry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, called by the pastor, immediately after divine service, on Sunday morning, May 28th, 1876, the preamble and reso-

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lutions on the death of our late brother and pastor, Rev. William P. Ruthrauff, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the sad intelligence has been conveyed to us, that it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, Rev. William P. Ruthrauff, pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zanesville, Ohio; and

Whereas, Rev. William P. Ruthrauff, in the providence of God, was the first pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, under whose faithful ministry among us our present church building was thus far completed; and

Whereas, the Rev. William P. Ruthrauff, had during his ministry of three years, among us, endeared himself to many hearts in this community, and in our congregation, who greatly regret his unexpected departure out of this life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Vestry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, in behalf of our congregation, respectfully tender their unfeigned sympathy and condolence, under the afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, to his family.

Resolved, That we earnestly and affectionately commend them, in their hour of sorrow, to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and under its benign influence, to that humble and confiding faith in the love of God, which bringeth to the wounded and stricken heart the comfort and strength of the communion of the Holy Ghost.

Resolved, That this preamble and resolutions be entered upon the minutes, and an attested copy to be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and that the same be published in our city papers, the Lutheran and Missionary and the Lutheran Observer.

(Lutheran Observer, June 9, 1876.)

ISAAC HARTER,

Secretary of Vestry.

In May, 1850, William Patton Ruthrauff married Mary Young Douglass, eldest daughter of Ephraim and Ellen Young Douglass, the latter a brilliant and accomplished woman and authoress, the daughter of Judge John Young, Presiding Judge of the Western District of Pennsylvania for more than 30 years.

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To them five children were born, as follows:

(1) Ellen (called Eleanor) Mary Ruthrauff, born in Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, March 1st, 1851.

(2) Charles Conrad Ruthrauff, born in Canton, Ohio, June 18th, 1853, died at Hailey, Idaho, October 11th, 1912.

(3) Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born in Canton, Ohio, January 18th, 1856.

(4) Catherine Mealy Ruthrauff, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 26th, 1861, died in Easton, Pennsylvania, August 26th, 1868.

(5) Margaret Isabel Ruthrauff, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 14, 1864.

ELEANOR MARY RUTHRAUFF

Eleanor Mary Ruthrauff, oldest child of Rev. William Patton and Mary (Douglass) Ruthrauff. Born in Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, March 1st, 1851. In 1853 the family moved to Canton, Ohio, and about 1858 to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Graduated from the High School in Fort Wayne when 15 years and 4 months, went to visit her mother's relatives in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. After a short stay with her uncle, Hon. Henry D. Foster and family, then to Greencastle, Pennsylvania, where she stayed with her uncle John Ruthrauff, her father's brother. Mr. Ruthrauff was chairman of the school board. Coming in one day in despair, because no teacher had been found for the colored children, Eleanor, eager to earn money for her future education, begged to be given the position. Her request was granted immediately and for three months she held the position. Mrs. Beatty, her cousin, contributed to the fund for her expenses at Lutherville Seminary near Baltimore, Maryland. She was

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admitted to the senior class and the following June was given a certificate. She was considered the most brilliant musician in her class. Her mother, from whom she inherited her talent, destined her to teach music. From Lutherville, after visiting Greencastle, she went to Easton, Pennsylvania, the family having moved there from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Ruthrauff insisted upon her daughters learning housekeeping, having married without experience. Domestic duties, teaching private pupils and playing the church organ, filled the year. Then life away from home began. Two years she taught private pupils at Millersburg, Ohio, studied a few months with Dr. William Mason in New York, Lewisburg University and Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. A year after she went to Italy studying vocal music with Vannucini in Florence, teaching again on her return at the Meriden Connecticut Conservatory, then Bishopthorpe, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A second trip abroad for study, this time to Berlin. After five months there she sprained her wrist and decided to return to New York. She took a position temporarily as companion to Miss Helena Flint. An attachment resulted which culminated in Miss Flint's offering to provide for her future if she would give up her teaching. The friendship lasted almost twelve years. Many trips abroad were taken together. The friends made by Miss Ruthrauff in her earlier trips abroad, became friends of Miss Flint's. Among these the Powers family in Florence, Mrs. Ibbetson and her charming circle of friends. The Thomas J. Balls, the Coopers, Dora Abbot, the sculptress, the friend with whom she lived in Florence. The Willis sisters, Mr. Henry Newman, who later married Miss Willis, Ruskin's pupil. Through Maud Powell and Geraldine Morgan she met Joseph Joachim, who invited her to the rehearsals of the famous

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quartet. Dr. and Mrs. Frank Abbot (the latter daughter of Theodore Fay), the Millers, Dr. and Mrs. Stuckenberg and others. In Rome, through Harriet Hosmer, came invitations from the W. W. Storys to the Barberini Palace. The four months in Rome were very happy ones, seeing Miss Hosmer every day and listening to her delightful reminiscences. Since leaving Miss Flint, Miss Ruthrauff has written short stories and translated French. She was interested and helped her brother in his mining ventures and through this spent about three years in Salt Lake City. Among her friends in France were the Fritz Thaulows, Alice Getty, the Millets at Barbizon and Mary Hartwell Catherwood, who at that time was writing Joan of Arc. The year Fritz Thaulow was one of the judges at the Pittsburgh Art Institute, he was entertained by the Ruthrauffs in New York.

Miss Ruthrauff was on the board of managers of the Home for Convalescents many years, and the West Side Day Nursery. During the war she was on the work-room Committee of the Comforts Committee of the Navy League.

At present Miss Ruthrauff's chief interest is her church and its work.

CHARLES CONRAD RUTHRAUFF

Charles Conrad Ruthrauff, only son of the Rev. William P. and Mary Young (Douglass) Ruthrauff, born in Canton, Ohio, June 18th, 1853, was educated in the public schools at Canton, and at Western Reserve College.

After leaving college he went to Cleveland, Ohio, becoming a journalist, and was connected for some years with the Cleveland Leader. Later he became interested in the Brush Electric Light Company. Was Western

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Manager for that Company and organized the companies west of the Mississippi; installed plants in Denver, Salt Lake City, in Montana and in California.

On June 18th, 1885, he married Florence May Barlow, daughter of Wilbur Barlow and Harriet May Barlow, of Toledo, Ohio. Florence May (Barlow) Ruthrauff was an art critic and a writer of short stories, etc. To this union two children were born:

Wilbur Barlow Ruthrauff, born June 28th, 1887, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Harriet May Ruthrauff, born March 25th, 1889, at Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1891, Mr. Ruthrauff moved his family to New York City, where he became Manager of the Rogers Typograph Company. He turned his attention to mining. Later he promoted a number of successful companies and then retired from business, devoting his time to the collection of Old Masters.

He died in Hailey, Idaho, on October 11th, 1912. Florence May (Barlow) Ruthrauff died in Toledo, Ohio, January 22nd, 1916, and both she and her husband are buried in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Ruthrauff was a member of the Colonial, Lotus, Salamagundi and National Arts Club of New York City.

WILBUR BARLOW RUTHRAUFF

Wilbur Barlow Ruthrauff, son of Charles Conrad and Florence May (Barlow) Ruthrauff, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 28th, 1887, and reared in the home of his parents in Cleveland and New York City. He was educated at the Collegiate School, New York, and Yale University, Class 1909.

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On October 25th, 1911, he was married in Cranford, New Jersey, to Abbie Hageman Bourne, born May 2nd, 1887, in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Francis Roland and Harriet Ellen (Mosely) Bourne. To this union two children were born:

Frank Bourne Ruthrauff, born September 17, 1912, in New York City.

Florence Barlow Ruthrauff, born May 20, 1916.

Mr. Ruthrauff has been in the advertising business about fifteen years, and is at present Vice-President and Treasurer of Ruthrauff & Ryan, Inc., of New York and Chicago. He is also Secretary of the Thompson-Barlow Company, New York, and Secretary of the Guaranteed Products, Inc., New York. During the war Mr. Ruthrauff handled the advertising copy for the National War Savings Stamps, New York District.

Mr. Ruthrauff is a member of the Yale Club of New York City; the Echo Lake Country Club, Cranford, New Jersey; the Baltusrol Golf Club, Baltusrol, New Jersey; the Cranford Canoe Club, Cranford, New Jersey; the Short Hills Club, Short Hills, New Jersey, and the Bald Peak Country Club, Lucknow, Moultonboro, New Hampshire.

HARRIET MAY RUTHRAUFF

Harriet May Ruthrauff, daughter of Charles Conrad and Florence May (Barlow) Ruthrauff, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 25th, 1889. Grew up in her father's home and was educated at the Graham School, New York City, and Mrs. Hazen's School at Pelham Manor. On October 1st, 1908, was married to Edwin William Cassebeer, of New York City. To them was born a son, Edwin, Jr., who lived but a few days, and

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one daughter, Florence Louise Cassebeer, on April 11th, 1913.

In June, 1916, Harriet May Ruthrauff Cassebeer divorced her husband, was given alimony and custody of her daughter Florence, who lives with and is being brought up and educated by her aunt, Mrs. Frederick Steinway, of Kensington, Great Neck, Long Island.

Mrs. Harriet May Cassebeer in 1923 married Christopher J. Rule, and after a wedding trip abroad has gone to Los Angeles, California, to live.

ELIZABETH RUTHRAUFF

Elizabeth Ruthrauff, second daughter of Rev. William and Mary Young (Douglas) Ruthrauff, was born January 18, 1856; was reared in her father's home, and was married in Zanesville, Ohio, June 3, 1875, to James Alexander McConnell, born October 27, 1847, died February 3, 1915, in Columbus, Ohio, where their home was. To them were born two sons:

(1) James U. McConnell, born Zanesville, Ohio, October 6, 1877; died Zanesville, Ohio, March 8, 1886.

(2) Robert A. McConnell, born Columbus, Ohio, January 25, 1888. Reared in the home of his parents, Columbus, Ohio. Graduated from the Latin School of Columbus, Ohio; also from a school at Ithaca, New York, and afterwards from Cornell University, class of 1910, and at present, 1924, is engaged in business and lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Ruthrauff McConnell's residence is Columbus, Ohio.

MARGARET ISABEL RUTHRAUFF

Margaret Isabel Ruthrauff, fourth daughter of Rev. William and Mary Young (Douglass) Ruthrauff, was born at Ft. Wayne, Ind., December 14, 1864; reared in her father's home; educated in boarding schools and after studying music at what is now known as Highland Hall, but in those days "Hollidaysburg Seminary," she was sent to Philadelphia, entering the finishing class at sixteen. Two years later she graduated, and after teaching for two years, went to Germany and studied under Moritz Moskowsky, one of the noted teachers of that time. On her return she taught for three years at the Philadelphia Musical Academy.

May 17th, 1892, was married to Presley Neville Amberson, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, born February 12th, 1856, who for the sake of his father was obliged to forego the pleasure of a college education, and was for over twenty years in railroad offices, and for the past twenty years traffic manager for the Frick Co. of Waynesboro. A fine, substantial man of scientific mind, son of William Smith Amberson.

On the Amberson side, the line is as follows:

Colonel Hugh Dinwiddie emigrated from Scotland, 1741; died 1777, twelve days after his promotion to the office of colonel. Rosanna Dinwiddie, his daughter, married James Downey; Jean Downey, daughter of Rosanna, married James Burnes, 1814; Rosanna Burnes, her daughter, married William Smith Amberson, in 1844, and according to Warner Beers & Co. History of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, of 1887, "William Smith Amberson was dealer in grain and coal in Waynesboro, and was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1816, son of Presley N. and Sarah (Cunningham)

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Amberson, natives of Pennsylvania, and of English and Welsh descent, respectively. His ancestors were the first settlers of Amberson Valley, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. W. S. Amberson, Grandfather Amberson, enlisted from this county in the Revolutionary War, was commissioned officer and served as ensign on General Washington's staff. At the close of the war he resided in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a time, but subsequently removed to Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

Presley N. Amberson, son of William S. Amberson, was a tanner in early life, but in later years a farmer. W. S. Amberson, the eldest of six children, received his education in the common schools and at the Academy in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He remained on the farm, with his parents, until he was twenty-six years of age, when he engaged as clerk in a store for two years. He came to Waynesboro in 1840, and has since been in mercantile business. For thirty-two years he was partner of Peter Benedict in the dry goods business, but since 1883 has dealt in coal and grain, and altogether has been very successful. He married Rosanna Burnes July 30, 1844, and they have five children, three of whom are now living, one daughter and two sons.

For several years Mr. Amberson had been president of the First National Bank of Waynesboro. Politically a Republican, he served two terms as Auditor of Franklin County, was on the School Board and a member of the Town Council, also an elder for many years in the Presbyterian Church.

Presley N. and Margaret Isabel (Ruthrauff) Amberson, live in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and to them four children were born, the first and third dying in infancy."

(2) William Ruthrauff Amberson, born June 17, 1894, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Married August, 1923, to Grace Dorcett, of Trenton, New Jersey.

(4) Rosanna Burnes Amberson, born July 15, 1901, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

ROSANNA BURNES AMBERSON

(2) Daughter of Presley Neville and Margaret Isabel (Ruthrauff) Amberson, granddaughter and only namesake of Rosanna Burnes Amberson 1st. Eligible on both sides (Ruthrauff and Amberson) to the D. A. R. Born July 15, 1901, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Graduated valedictorian of the Waynesboro High School in 1918, and from Mount Holyoke in 1922, standing high in a class of two hundred and forty. Taught English in the Watertown, New York, High School one year, and is at present with the "Child Health Association" in New York. A strong character, with a promising future.

WILLIAM RUTHRAUFF AMBERSON, Ph. D.

William R. Amberson, Ph. D., for a time considered the ministry, but later decided upon a scientific career. After graduation from the Waynesboro High School in 1911, he went to Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, where, in 1915, he graduated, being the valedictorian of his class, and receiving the degree of Ph. B. At the time of his graduation he also became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa.

After a summer of post-graduate study in biology and pedagogy at Columbia, he taught general science in the high school, Trenton, New Jersey, until called into Federal service with his National Guard regiment, the 2nd N. J. Infantry, at the beginning of American participation in the war. He was sent from his regiment to the first officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Virginia, where he was commissioned as second lieutenant of Field Artillery in August of 1917. He was assigned to the 80th Division, and served with it at Camp Lee, Virginia, and overseas in France. In August of 1918 he was returned to the United States, promoted to a first lieutenancy, and assigned as instructor to the newly forming 12th Division, at Camp McClelland, Alabama, where he served until discharged.

After leaving service he resumed his scientific studies at Princeton, receiving a fellowship in the Department of Biology. He was granted the Ph. D. degree in 1922, submitting as his thesis a physico-chemical study of the production of light by animals, which was published in the *Journal of General Physiology* of that year.

After leaving Princeton he taught physiology in the Medical College of the University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn., holding an assistant professorship in that institution. In July of 1923 he went to an assistant professorship in the Department of Physiology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, which position he now holds. He is also a member of the teaching staff of the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, and assists in the summer course in physiology.

In August of 1923 he married Grace Dorsett, daughter of Mrs. Winfield S. Dorsett, 822 Quinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey. She is a graduate of the

Trenton High School, class of 1912, and was in business for a number of years with the Norman Foster Company, of Trenton. She was actively identified with the Business and Professional Women's Club, and with the Y. W. C. A. She is a charming and talented young woman.

Dr. and Mrs. Amberson are both members of the Trenton Unitarian Church, with whose activities they have been identified since its founding in 1916. The acquaintanceship which led to their marriage began when they both went as delegates to the Institute of Religious Education, held at Star Island, New Hampshire, in the summer of 1922, under the auspices of the Unitarian Laymen's League.

To Wm. R. and Grace (Dorsett) Amberson was born a daughter, Margaret Mary Amberson, born January 24, 1925.

CHAPTER XVI

REV. FREDERICK RUTHRAUFF, D.D.

“Hold such in reputation.” Philippians 2:29.

Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff, son of Rev. Johann and Ann Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, born at Greencastle, October 26, 1795, and died at Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1859, bringing his age to sixty-two years, ten months and twenty-three days, having passed into the thirty-eighth year of his ministry. His body was laid to rest at Milton, Pennsylvania.

In bodily appearance he was one of the most noticeable men, who would have been singled out among a thousand; tall, straight, well proportioned, and of stately bearing.

He was a man of great power in the pulpit, both in English and in German; and among his flock a sympathizing and watchful pastor. He was a clear and earnest expounder of the Word, and one who presented the truth with directness and emphasis. His language was plain and readily understood, and he did not hesitate to express his strong dislike for a style of address which the simple mind could not easily understand.

His deep piety and his longing for the salvation of souls were evident in all his work. Dr. B. Kurtz, who was intimate with him, said: “He was a sound theologian and an able sermonizer.” On a former occasion, the hand now preparing this sketch wrote thus: “His full, strong voice, forcible emphasis and commanding appearance gave that degree of life to his pulpit efforts which always secured attention. I have never heard any man preach who has answered more to my ideal of Luther, in



Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff, D.D., Milton, Pa.

the pulpit, than Mr. Ruthrauff. As a catechist he probably had few equals, being plain, simple, familiar, earnest and pathetic."

It was the lot of Mr. Ruthrauff to act as pastor in many places. He sometimes referred to himself as a pioneer, to clear the ground for others to cultivate. First he served, for short periods, at Williamsport and Hagerstown, Maryland; then successively at Maytown, Gettysburg, Pikeland, etc., in Pennsylvania; next at Manchester, Maryland, Milton, Pennsylvania, and then at the following places in Pennsylvania: Loysville, Centerville, Mifflinsburg, Wrightsville, Littlestown and Worthington. He aided in organizing the synods of East Pennsylvania and of Central Pennsylvania. The first annual meeting of the former was held in his own church, at Pikeland, Chester County, when he served as President.

These paragraphs are prepared by one who was instructed and confirmed by this dear pastor. It was from him, too, that the first appeals came to prepare for the ministry.

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From the files of "The Lutheran Observer," October 14, 1859:

SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBITUARY OF REV. FREDERICK RUTHRAUFF

Dr. Kurtz—Dear Sir: I was requested to state to you the particulars connected with Brother Ruthrauff's death and asked to write you an obituary notice. This request was made more especially in view of the fact that our departed brother always entertained so high a regard for you and so often spoke of you as one of his most faithful counsellors, especially during the earlier years of his ministry, and also because you were one of the committee by whom he was first examined for licensure in the spring of 1822.

Brother Ruthrauff did not keep a journal, and but few papers are found giving any account of his ministry. He commenced, in 1856, to write his biography, but this is only continued until about the time of his settlement in the ministry. I shall copy from this whatever may be of general interest, and communicate whatever particulars I have been able to gather from the family, with an account of his sickness and death, which, together with your knowledge of the man and his ministry, will enable you to gratify the wishes of the afflicted family.

Very truly your brother in Christ,

L. M. KUHNS.

Leechburg, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1859.

I was born at Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in the year of our Lord 1796, on the 25th of October. My father was Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, and my mother Ann Maria Ruthrauff, whose maiden name was Hamma. My parents were pious, kind and affectionate, but were strict in discipline. My father was a successful

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Evangelical Lutheran minister. His ministry was blessed by the conversion of many souls.

About my fifteenth year I attended a course of catechetical instruction, which made a good impression which never wholly left me, but which afterwards became obscured by youthful follies and love for the world and its pleasures. Notwithstanding, my conscience remained faithful as a monitor, and often severely reproved me. Though I lived in sin, yet I was mercifully restrained from becoming entirely enslaved by the power of evil. I ever kept up the habit of prayer, if it may be thus denominated. It was poor, indeed. Perhaps it may be regarded as an evidence that there was still an unextinguished spark of grace which, like a kind but often neglected angel, hovered round my path, to warn me of evil, and to point out my duty to my Savior.

I labored, in my younger days, in the cultivation of my father's farm. The last three years I spent under the paternal roof I labored in the merchant mill and sawmill owned by my father. Afterwards I left home and entered my brother Samuel's store in Martinsburg, Virginia. Here I sold goods about one year. Brother being unsuccessful in business, I returned to Pennsylvania and attended store a short time in Greencastle, for Mr. Thomas Walker.

My brother Henry having gone to Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, to open a store, and being out of employment, after a consultation with my parents, on the subject of studying for the medical profession, they agreed I should embrace the invitation of my brother at Washington to go out there and live with him and attend Washington College and prepare for the study of medicine. Here I remained about two years, when father's deep involvement as security rendered my further continuance at school inexpedient. While I was at Washington I had a severe spell of bilious sickness. I was alarmed. Drs. Wiley and Brown visited me and prayed with me. I was alarmed, but after my recovery I again began to lose my impressions. Under a close and searching sermon, preached by Dr. Andrew Wiley, President of the College, in the chapel, my mind was afterwards more deeply awakened to my true condition and I resolved at once upon a new life. After I went to my room I addressed my brother Johnathan, who had now also entered the institution. I told him that unless we turned to God and led a new life we should both perish. We both vowed, on the spot, we would begin at once, by setting up an altar in our room, in the name of

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God. This was the beginning of my religious life. It was like the dawning of the morning; some rays of light darting through thick clouds of ignorance, and doubt and infirmity. Amidst many vicissitudes in my religious life, I must record my testimony on behalf of the fidelity of my covenant God, and the matchless grace of my Savior. Indeed, if anyone who was ever permitted to record his name amongst the followers of Christ, had reason to sing, "Oh! to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be," it is the writer of these lines.

The serious turn which was imparted to my mind gave a new direction to my subsequent life. I gave up the idea of studying medicine, and resolved I would carry into practice a desire which, many years before, whilst hearing a young minister, manifested itself in my mind, viz., to preach the Gospel of Jesus. This was indeed a "day of small things" in the development of a state of mind which gave a new direction to my whole life. My dear good father, amidst all his embarrassments of a pecuniary nature, cheerfully encouraged me in my new life and aspirations; and, as said above, I returned home, and in the spring of 1820 I went with my father to synod in Lancaster, and thence to Harrisburg, where I entered Dr. G. Lochman's family and placed myself under his instruction. There were a number of young men under his care, who lived in his family at the time, viz., Jesse Ball, Augustus Lochman, W. J. Stroh, Emanuel Keller, and toward the close of the term my brother, Johnathan Ruthrauff. We spent a pleasant time in Dr. Lochman's family, and a profitable time under his instruction. The Dr. took great pains and pleasure in imparting to us such instruction as we needed. He was a father to us, always pleasant and communicative. He was easily approached, ever ready to solve our difficulties, and unravel the many hard questions which made us halt. He would spend his time cheerfully for our good. He was the kind father, the patient, condescending instructor, and affable and social Christian, the light of whose handsome and benevolent countenance illuminated the circle which his benevolent heart attracted around him. He delighted, between the recitation hours, to gather his students around him and explain the difference between other creeds and the Lutheran. He prided in the distinctive, characteristic liberality of Lutheranism; of not having an endless creed, run out into the minor distinctions of theological disputants, but set up the Bible as the only rule of faith. He

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ascribed the union and harmony of the Lutheran Church to the liberality of her ministers, in non-essentials, and the union in the fundamentals of our holy religion.

After pursuing my studies two years, under Dr. Lochman's instructions, I submitted to an examination, by a committee of the Maryland Synod, composed of Rev. Benjamin Kurtz and Rev. David Schaeffer. Not being able to attend Synod, which met in Cumberland, Maryland, on account of an attack of fever and ague, the committee afterwards examined me, in Dr. Kurtz's study at Hagerstown, and I received the license to preach the Gospel of Christ.

My first pastoral charge was composed of Williamsport, St. Paul's, Baker's Cross Roads, which I organized, and Pleasant Valley congregations. In these congregations I labored three years and seven months. Two of these congregations had belonged to Brother Kurtz's charge. It was at his instance, and by his encouragement, I was called to Williamsport.

Dr. Kurtz, A. Reck of Winchester, John Winter of Gerardstown, Virginia, and C. P. Krauth of Martinsburg, and myself, were all united in sentiment and effort to promote the spiritual welfare of the church, and to improve each other mutually. We had many blessed conference meetings, in each other's pastorates. We used to come together every six weeks and spend several days in preaching and discussing pastoral questions. It was, however, from Dr. Kurtz I derived the greatest amount of instruction and good counsel, as we were close neighbors of each other. We always could agree, and the stream of fraternal affection has run smoothly and uninterruptedly from that time to the present writing, July 29th, 1856. It is to me an agreeable reflection that such has been the case.

The above, dear Dr. Kurtz, is the whole of the account which our departed brother had written of his life. The following particulars of the different charges in which he labored I gathered from his family:

After leaving Williamsport, went to Hagerstown to supply Dr. Kurtz's place while in Europe. Stayed one year; moved to Maytown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he took charge of several congregations,

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and remained three or four years; then went to Gettysburg, where he remained about five years; next moved to Chester County, where he remained six or seven years; thence to Manchester, Maryland, remained two years; thence to Milton, Pennsylvania; here he remained six or seven years; thence to Loysville, Perry County, Pennsylvania; here he stayed about two years; thence to Center Hall, Center County; here he remained about one year and a half; thence to Mifflinsburg, Union County; here he stayed about two years; thence to Wrightsville, stayed one year and a half; thence to Littlestown, remaining about eleven months; thence to Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; here he labored about ten months, until the time of his death. In this, his last charge, his labors were crowned with a very good degree of success, and his people became devotedly attached to him.

He died on Sabbath morning, the 18th of September, of asthma. He had been attacked on the Monday previous, and on Tuesday was quite bad; thought he would not live; spoke calmly about his death to his family and Brother Peter Graff. Said when he looked back over his Christian and ministerial life, he saw so many imperfections and shortcomings that he was constrained to admit that he was but a poor, weak vessel, and yet it was a source of great comfort and encouragement to know that his labor in the Lord had not been in vain; that some whom he had been instrumental in bringing into the Kingdom were waiting to meet him on the other shore. Said if he died, he had nothing to leave his family, as he had never more than made a good living. He had not preached for money; if he had, he might have been rich, etc. He expressed himself as not being troubled over this, but said he could cheerfully and confidently

commit his family to God, who had always taken care of him, etc. He expressed a willingness to die if it was the Lord's good pleasure to take him away. From Tuesday on he grew better, and by Saturday evening felt quite well, ate quite a hearty supper, and expressed the confident belief that he was entirely rid of the difficulty, and would be able to fill his appointments the next day. At the hour of evening worship he sang with his family a long hymn, and made an unusually long and fervent prayer; then spoke again about feeling so well; said he was hungry; asked one of his daughters to get him a piece of bread, which he ate with much relish, then retired and slept well during the fore part of the night, but was again suddenly and severely attacked about two o'clock a. m., which continued until half past nine o'clock a. m., when he died.

The funeral, which took place on the following Tuesday, was largely attended although it rained incessantly. His ministerial brethren present were Revs. Reichart and Schweigert of Kittaning, A. C. Ehrenfeld of Tarentum, J. Wright of Freeport, and myself. All these brethren participated in the religious exercises connected with the occasion. After the interment in the burying ground connected with the church, the congregation assembled in the church, when I endeavored to preach to them from the triumphant language of Paul, 2 Timothy, iv: 6-8, which presents us with both the retrospect and prospect of an aged and eminent minister of Christ. This was followed by a sermon in the German language by Rev. G. A. Reichart, based upon Hebrews xiii: 7, 8. During these exercises the whole congregation was deeply affected. All mourned the loss of a father and a leader, one whose place could not easily be supplied.

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The youthful son of Brother Ruthrauff, who is pursuing his studies at Gettysburg, was to be home on the morning of the funeral. He knew nothing of the death of his father until in the carriage on his way home from the depot. He had not seen him since his removal from the east.

From the files of the "Lutheran Observer," October 7, 1859:

DEATH OF REV. F. RUTHRAUFF

This lamentable intelligence having been announced on the 21st inst. to the Synod of East Pennsylvania, convened at Harrisburg, a committee of three, appointed for the purpose, reported the following, which was adopted, during a pause of deep solemnity:

Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God to call our beloved brother, Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff, of Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, from his labor to his reward—from the scenes of time to the fruition of heaven—and

WHEREAS, Our departed brother was a good man and true, a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, a bold and fearless preacher of His Gospel, a zealous pastor, a kind husband and devoted father, and withal one of the founders of this Synod, we deem it proper, and feel it to be our duty, to pay this tribute to the memory of our departed brother; therefore,

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to this dispensation of an all-wise and inscrutable Providence, we cannot but give expression to our unfeigned sorrow at his sudden removal from among us; yet we would be comforted by the hope that our loss is his eternal gain: we loved him in life, we will revere him in death.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, entertain and cherish the highest regard for his many virtues, his unfeigned piety, his earnest zeal, his active and faithful labors in the vineyard of the Lord, and his sincere devotion to our beloved church, and we would hear the voice of the Lord, in this dispensation, calling us to "work while it is the day" and "prepare to meet our God."

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Resolved, That we tender our sincere sympathy and condolence to his deeply afflicted family and bereaved congregations, reminding the former that they are not left to "sorrow without hope," and pointing them for comfort to Him who is indeed a "Father of the fatherless, a God of the widow"; and praying that the latter may soon be supplied with as faithful a pastor and minister of the Word.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and to his congregation, at Worthington, Pennsylvania, and that they be published in our church paper.

M. S.

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."—
Psalms cxii: 6.

REV. FREDERICK RUTHRAUFF

Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff married Elizabeth Ziegler, born 1799, died 1872. I can find no date of their marriage or whose daughter she was. To them seven children were born:

- (1) Mary Ann Ruthrauff, born 1824, died 1889.
 - (2) Elizabeth Ziegler Ruthrauff, born 1826, died 1907.
 - (3) Katherine Kunkle Ruthrauff, born 1828, died 1915.
 - (4 & 5) Two children born to them who died in infancy.
 - (6) Amelia Josephine Ruthrauff, born 1839, died 1876.
 - (7) Luther Ruthrauff, born 1842, died 1908, New York City. Unmarried.
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MARY ANN RUTHRAUFF

First daughter of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth (Ziegler) Ruthrauff, born 1824, died 1889, was married in 1849, to Robert M. Frick, born 1820, died 1898. Their home was in Milton, Pennsylvania. Robert M. Frick was cashier of the Milton National Bank, from its

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beginning, in 1858, until his death, in 1898. To this union four children were born:

- (1) Alice Gertrude Frick, born 1851.
- (2) Elizabeth C. Frick, born 1856.
- (3) Mary Josephine Frick, born 1858.
- (4) Harry Ruthrauff Frick, born 1861.

Of these:

(a) Alice Gertrude Frick, unmarried, lives in Milton, Pennsylvania, and has been bookkeeper in the Milton National Bank since the death of her father. She with her sister Elizabeth, also unmarried, her cousin, Miss Kate Bogle, and a daughter of her Aunt Joe's, live together in their home, which has been happily named "Spinsters' Retreat."

(b) Mary Josephine Frick, born 1858. Married 1883 to J. Moran Crothers. Their home is in Syracuse, New York. No further data, other than that to them three sons were born, as follows:

- (1) Harold J. Crothers, born 1884, Syracuse, New York.
 - (2) Robert M. Crothers, born 1888, Syracuse, New York.
 - (3) James Edgar Crothers, born 1892, Syracuse, New York.
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(c) Harry Ruthrauff Frick, born 1861. Married Miss — Reinhart, and their home is in Milton, Pennsylvania, and their issue two fine children:

- (1) Helen Lois Frick, born 1890, Milton, Pennsylvania.
- (2) William Reinhart Frick, born 1891. Began in the textile business, with the Brilliant Silk Works, in Pater-

son, New Jersey, and was promoted or transferred to the office of the proprietor, Mr. Whitney, in New York City.

ELIZABETH ZIEGLER RUTHRAUFF

Second child of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth (Ziegler) Ruthrauff, born in 1826, died 1907. Was married in 1847 to Paul Manistelen. Their home is in Milton, Pennsylvania, and they have one child:

(1) Betty Manistelen, born 1850, who was married in 1875 to Jeremiah Baup, and their only child, Anna Mary Baup, born in 1886, died 1897. Jeremiah Baup died in 1898.

KATHERINE KUNKLE RUTHRAUFF

Third child of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth (Ziegler) Ruthrauff, born 1828, died 1915, at Milton, Pennsylvania. Was married in 1845 to George Burns, lived in Dayton, Ohio, and their issue was:

(a) Charles Frederick Burns, born 1846, died 1914.

(b) Bertha Burns, born 1848, died 1849.

George Burns died in 1900, in Dayton, Ohio.

AMELIA JOSEPHINE RUTHRAUFF

Sixth child of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth (Ziegler) Ruthrauff, born 1839, died 1876, at Milton, Pennsylvania. Was married in 1868 to W. H. Bogle, who died in Milton in 1896. Their issue was four children, as follows:

(a) Maud Ruthrauff Bogle, born 1869, lived Milton, Pennsylvania.

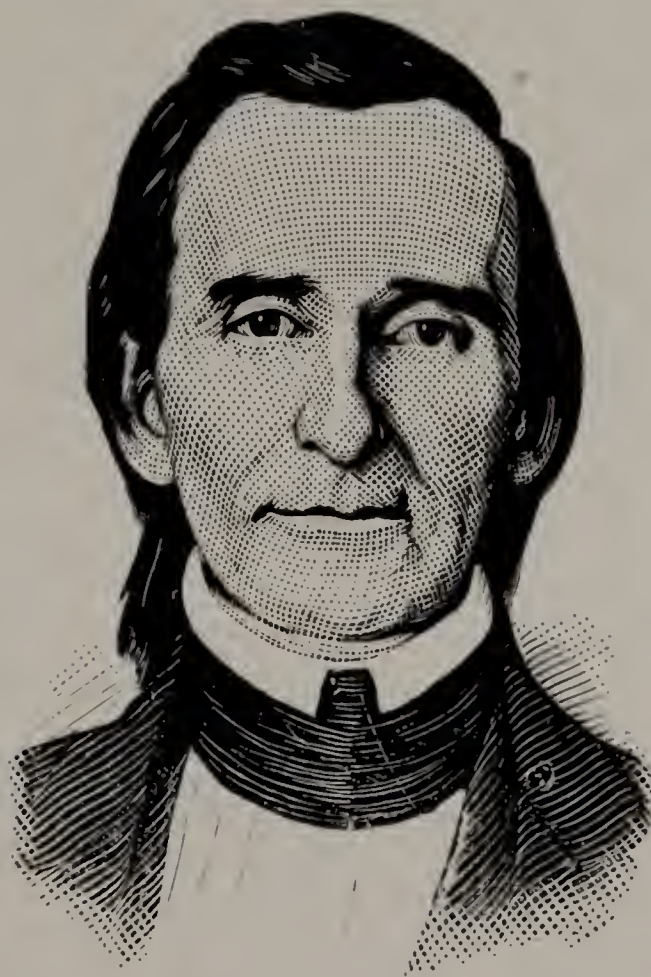
(b) Kate Buchanan Bogle, born 1871, lived Milton, Pennsylvania.

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(c) Edgar Thornton Bogle, born 1873. Home in San Francisco, California.

(d) Frederick Donald Bogle, born 1876, lives Milton, Pennsylvania.

It was the writer's great privilege, when a child, to meet the Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff, on one of his visits to the farm home of her father, near Canton, Ohio, and his magnificent presence, his beautiful, sparkling blue eyes, his kindly manner, as he gently picked her up and placed her on his knee and asked her if she was a Christian, made a lasting impression upon her memory, so that years later her only son was named Frederick Ruthrauff.



Rev. Johnathan Frederick Ruthrauff.

CHAPTER XVII

REV. JOHNATHAN FREDERICK RUTHRAUFF

I am using two records of this fine man's life, published in the Lutheran Sunday School Herald and Memoirs of Deceased Ministers, as the best I can find.

The following is from the Lutheran Sunday School Herald:

REV. JOHNATHAN RUTHRAUFF

Was a former minister of our church, who was known as one of the most active and laborious. He was the son of Rev. Johann and Anna Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, long a faithful pastor at Greencastle, Pennsylvania. There the son was born August 16, 1801, about five years later than his brother Frederick, of whom the Herald presented you a portrait, in its April number.

The present picture was prepared for the "General Synod Record," issued daily, at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, during the Synod's sessions there last May. The appearance of the portrait in that sheet was appropriate, as it was at Lebanon that this pastor served for years in the Master's work.

He entered the ministry in 1825. He was pastor successively at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, two years, at Hanover, Pennsylvania, eight years, and began his work at Lebanon in 1837, in the old Salem Church. December, 1842, he organized Zion Congregation, in whose church the General Synod convened last May.

His pastoral labors were continuous until 1849, when failing health required cessation from pulpit service. Death ensued July 23, 1850. Dr. Baugher, Sr., wrote of him: "His discourses were plain, practical, searching." Dr. Reynolds wrote: "His sermons were often perfect daugerrotypes of character—not of the individual, but of the particular sin portrayed. Let us pray for many such faithful ministers for our day."

(The use of the cut is granted by the kindness of a granddaughter, Mary L. Roedel, of Lebanon.)

I will include in this a copy of the Memoirs or biography of Rev. Johnathan Ruthrauff, published in the "Evangelical Review" of January, 1858.

"MEMOIRS OF DECEASED MINISTERS"

The subject of the present narrative was the son of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, and was born in Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of August, 1801. On the 17th of the following month he was dedicated to God in the solemn ordinance of Christian baptism and received the name of Johnathan Frederick. He was early instructed in the principles and duties of religion and when he reached a suitable age he ratified the promises assumed for him by his parents in infancy. It was his original intention to prepare himself for the medical profession, but either before he commenced his studies, or soon after, he was taken very ill and for a time seemed on the verge of the grave. It was during this affliction that he was brought to a knowledge of his sins. Conscience was aroused, sin and holiness, heaven and perdition, redemption and retribution, had to him a

meaning before unfelt. He was led by God's spirit to reflect on his obligations and his prospect for eternity, and he had no peace of mind until he fully surrendered his heart to the Lord and cordially embraced the Savior as his only hope and refuge. Then "old things passed away and all things became new." He felt that the Lord had heard his cry and had brought him "up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set his feet upon a rock." This great change in his views and relations soon changed his choice of a profession. The grace of God had called him into the kingdom of light and shown him another and "more excellent way." He is now prepared to "count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus." Anxious to testify his love to the Savior, and be instrumental in saving souls, he came to the conclusion that it was his duty to serve his Master in the ministry, to become an "ambassador for Christ," that he might beseech sinners, in His stead, to be reconciled to God. "Necessity," he thought, "is laid upon me, yea, woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel." Relinquishing, therefore, fair prospects of worldly success, that smiled upon him, he immediately began his studies with a view to the sacred office. Thenceforward there was no faltering in his course, but one steady aim governed him and this same aim influenced his whole subsequent career.

For some time he received instruction in the classics, from Rev. J. K. Clark, and in the fall of 1818 entered Washington College, Pennsylvania, where for several years he prosecuted his studies. In the year 1822 he commenced his theological course, under the direction of Rev. Benjamin Kurtz, of Hagerstown, Maryland, with whom he remained for one year. He then repaired to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where for two years longer

he studied with Rev. Dr. Lochman, whose reputation as a theological instructor attracted to his study candidates for the ministry from all parts of the church.

His studies being completed, Mr. Ruthrauff was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Synod of Pennsylvania, convened at Reading, in 1825. Having passed through the regular probation, he was, in 1827, permanently invested with the ministerial office. After his licensure, he spent some time, by appointment of Synod, as itinerant missionary, in visiting our brethren of the faith, who were scattered in different parts of the State, and were unsupplied with the means of grace, and in gathering them into congregations. This service he found profitable to himself. He gained experience which was valuable to him in his future labors, and became acquainted with the wants of our church. Here, too, he felt the pressure of his responsibility as a herald of the Cross, and prayed and toiled for the conversion of immortal souls and the advancement of Zion.

For several months he labored in Huntingdon, Centre and Clearfield Counties and subsequently preached as a supply, in the city of Philadelphia, for the Associations of Lutherans worshipping in the Academy, and afterwards known as St. Matthews Congregation. He was invited to become their regular pastor, but as his health was delicate, he considered his physical constitution inadequate to the labor required. He therefore declined the offer and accepted a call from the united churches of Lewiston and the vicinity. On the 25th of February, 1827, he entered upon this field of labor. Here he continued for two years in the active, faithful and successful discharge of his high duties. Signal evidence of the Divine favor attended his efforts and there were given to him many proofs of his call to the ministry. The views

he here adopted, in reference to the work in which he was engaged and the habits he acquired, had an important bearing upon the succeeding years of his ministry. He often spoke of the time spent in this charge with no measured interest, and of the influence which the perusal of Rev. Rowland Hill's "Village Dialogues" had exerted upon him, in giving complexion to his ministerial character and life. He here for the first time, met with this admirable work and determined to make Mr. Lovegood his model—to give himself wholly to the work to which he had consecrated his powers and to select as the grand theme of all his discourses "Christ and Him Crucified."

In the winter of 1829, he received and accepted a call to the Hanover charge. Here he also labored successfully for the space of eight years. Through his ministry many were brought to a knowledge of the great blessedness of a life of faith in Christ Jesus and were able, in after days, to trace their Christian experience, the spirit that animated their toils and the sweet hope that brightened life, to the influence of his labors. The charge was an exceedingly difficult one to fill and required a man of just such character to fill it. There was not much vital piety in the congregation and considerable error existed in reference to the cardinal points of our holy religion. Mr. Ruthrauff soon made himself acquainted with the state of things and labored unremittingly to bring about a radical change. Among his first pulpit efforts was a series of sermons on the Divinity of Christ, Human Depravity, the Necessity of Conversion, the Influence of the Holy Spirit, Repentance, Faith, a Life of Holiness and the duty of entire consecration to the work and service of God. These discourses, says one who heard him, "were clear, forcible, and convincing, and accomplished good." He preached boldly and fearlessly against vice

and immorality in every form. He exposed the worldliness, the ungodliness, the dishonesty and corruption that prevailed in the community. He did not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. His earnest, pungent preaching and his decided hostility to everything that was wrong, sometimes did give offense and his uncompromising devotion to the cause of Temperance excited the community to fierce opposition. Yet he was unmoved by the difficulties he met at every step. He persevered in what he believed was right and had the satisfaction of witnessing, in the future, the fruits of his self-denying and active efforts.

On one occasion there was a plot formed, by his enemies, to waylay and offer him personal violence, from which he always regarded himself as mercifully rescued by the interposition of a kind Providence. He was returning to his home from a distant point, when he experienced a certain uneasiness of mind, which he could not explain, and for some time hesitated as to the propriety of taking a more retired road than the course he usually traveled. Still undecided, however, when he reached the turning place, the horse seemed determined, although contrary to practice, to go into the byroad. Mr. Ruthrauff, observing the strong preference of the animal for that route, surrendered, at the same time observing, "Go then if you will go!" He subsequently learned the danger to which he had been exposed and felt grateful to God for the providential care extended to him. "The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear Him and delivereth them!"

In December, 1837, the subject of our sketch assumed the pastoral care of the Lutheran Church at Lebanon, Pennsylvania. His labors here were also much blessed by the Great Head of the Church.

His labors in this church were extended, without interruption, for the space of twelve years, till 1849, when the disease which terminated his life, disabled him from the active duties of the ministry. Although he had been called to pass through many difficulties and severe trials, and to encounter even persecution, he had gathered around him a large number of devoted friends, whose attachment was strong and unwavering till the last, and whose kind attentions and grateful services to him, deeply moved his heart. His death occurred on the 23rd of July, 1850, in the midst of the people to whom he had so often ministered and dispensed the symbols of a Savior's love, where he had so frequently raised his warning voice, and with tears, besought the wanderer from God and happiness, to turn from his evil ways and live, and where he often animated the Christian in his pilgrimage by the hopes and consolations of the Gospel. The demonstration at his funeral furnished indubitable evidence of the kind regard in which he was held in the community, and the high estimate placed upon his services whilst he lived. From the whole region round about, mourning friends came to testify their affection and pay their last tribute of respect. No less than eighteen ministerial brethren walked in the procession, of whom ten were ecclesiastically connected with him. The public exercises of the occasion were conducted by Rev. C. A. Hay and Rev. A. C. Wedekind, the former delivering a discourse in English, from the passage: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain": and the latter in German, from the words, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not only to me, but unto them also that love His appearing." A monu-

ment has since been erected over his remains, by his friends, as an evidence of their regard for their pastor, bearing the name and age of the deceased, with the simple inscription, "The memory of the just is blessed."

The last words he uttered, only a few hours before his death, were: "Blessed be God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Such a life and such a death furnish a most impressive testimony to the power and excellency of the Gospel, to the value of the Christian's hope, particularly in the dying hour. Happy shall we be if, after a life of fidelity and usefulness, consecrated to the Redeemer's service, we reach so calm and peaceful an end; and when the tomb shall receive our ashes, our spirits be already admitted into God's blissful presence, there to enjoy forever the full communion of His grace and love.

Rev. Johnathan Frederick Ruthrauff was united in marriage, June 12, 1827, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Ann Louisa Lochman, who, with two daughters and one son, survive him.

ANN LOUISA LOCHMAN

Ann Louisa Lochman was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, April 12th, 1808. She was the daughter of Rev. John George Lochman, at that time pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, and his wife, Susanna Hoffman.

When Louisa was seven years old her father accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church at Harrisburg, where she lived until her marriage to Rev. Johnathan Frederick Ruthrauff, June 12th, 1827, when she went with her husband to Hanover. She was a capable woman, in times of stress; be it sickness or death or an unusual



Mrs. Susan Lochman Ruthrauff Roedel.
Henry Ruthrauff, Miss Emma Ruthrauff, Children of
Rev. Jonathan Ruthrauff, D.D.

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amount of company or a wedding, Louisa must come home to manage affairs. It was just as true in her husband's family; Louisa was in constant demand.

Interested and active in church work, she was a true helpmeet to her husband. She organized the first Primary Department of a Sunday School in her husband's church in Lebanon; also the first Missionary Society, which was active in sending Father Heyner and Walter Gunn to foreign fields.

After the death of her husband, in 1850, or shortly before that time, Mr. Jacob Weidman secured the post office for her. She was postmistress until '62 or '63, when she went with her daughter Susan and her husband to Tyrone. She returned to Lebanon with them later, and spent the remainder of her life with her daughter. She died at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, September 11th, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Ruthrauff were the parents of nine children:

(1) Emma Clarissa Ruthrauff, born April 4, 1829; died March 23, 1890.

(2) Mary Lochman Ruthrauff, born November 7, 1830; died December 23, 1830.

(3) Susan Lochman Ruthrauff, born December 19, 1831; died July 15, 1911.

(4) George Lochman Ruthrauff, born January 3, 1834; died December 26, 1834.

(5) Henry Augustus Ruthrauff, born October 28, 1835; died January 20, 1908.

(6) John George Ruthrauff, born February 23, 1838; died November 2, 1838.

(7) William Frederick Ruthrauff, born April 21, 1840; died August 3, 1840.

(8) Ann Louisa Ruthrauff, born October 25, 1842; died April 22, 1843.

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(9) Ann Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born August 1, 1845; died December 20, 1846.

Mrs. Ruthrauff belonged to the Service Committee of the Civil War. Lebanon was a base of supplies during that war, as well as a meal station for soldiers passing through the town. Word of a coming train was sent ahead, the young men went out with wagons, gathering food from town and country, while the women and girls prepared and served it. Word came one Sabbath, while the people were in church, that a large train would pass through in an hour. Churches were dismissed, all cooked food was gathered and served to the soldiers, and for the only time in its history every family in Lebanon ate hot bread for dinner and supper on Sunday.

Mrs. Ruthrauff's life was busy and useful to its close.

EMMA CLARISSA RUTHRAUFF

Emma Clarissa Ruthrauff, daughter of Rev. Frederick Johnathan Ruthrauff and Ann Louisa Lochman, was born in Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania, April 4th, 1829. While still a child, she came with her parents to Lebanon, where the greater part of her life was spent. As a child she showed a decided talent for music and was educated as a teacher. Soon after her father's death she took charge of the Department of Music in the Young Ladies' Seminary in Selings Grove, where she spent ten years. Wherever her home, the church claimed her first thought. She taught in the Sunday School from her girlhood, until called higher. Her position as church organist was her delight. When the Woman's Missionary work was talked of she immediately

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organized a society in her own church, and Zion, Lebanon, was a charter member of the general body. Fitted by nature to be a leader, she was chosen Secretary and Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Synodical Society. No President having been found the first year, she acted as President also. The following year she was chosen President, and served in that capacity until her death, ten years later. Her executive ability and wise judgment were large assets in the new movement. Her strong personality left a lasting impression on the society.

During the Civil War her talents as organizer and leader brought her work for the soldiers into prominence. At the close of the war she received government recognition for her services. While in Lebanon she made her home with her sister Susan, where she died March 23rd, 1890.

HENRY AUGUSTUS RUTHRAUFF

Henry Augustus Ruthrauff, son of Rev. Johnathan Ruthrauff and Ann Louisa Lochman, was born in Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania, October 28th, 1835. He was two years old when his father went to Lebanon; there he grew to manhood. At the close of his school life he entered the general store of John George. Shortly after this, his 21st birthday, he went to Philadelphia, entering the employ of James Kent, Santee & Co., but soon started in the grocery business for himself. This venture proving unprofitable, he went to Kansas, where he engaged in various pursuits, none of which proved successful.

Broken in health and unable to support himself, he returned to his sister Susan, where he lived for twenty years, dying January 20th, 1908.

SUSAN LOCHMAN RUTHRAUFF

Susan Lochman Ruthrauff was born in Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1831. She was the daughter of Rev. Frederick Johnathan Ruthauff and Ann Louisa Lochman. When she was six years old her parents moved to Lebanon, where she was educated and grew to womanhood, taking an active part in church life, where her beautiful voice aided the church choir for more than forty years. She was her mother's assistant in the post office, but found time to share in all work for civic improvement.

During the Civil War she was one of the Canteen Committee and did good service, as did the majority of the Lebanon people.

December 2nd, 1858, she married Henry Huesler Roedel. A few years later she went with her husband to Tyrone, where they remained about five years, when they returned to Lebanon, where the remainder of her life was spent.

Mrs. Roedel had four children, all of whom she trained for the same active service for which she and her husband were noted. Susan Ruthrauff Roedel entered into rest July 15th, 1911.

Like her mother, she was called upon when sickness or death came to any of the relatives, and her death closed a busy, useful life.

A truly fine, noble, womanly woman, an inspiration to all who knew her.

HENRY HUESLER ROEDEL, M.D.

Henry Huesler Roedel, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians of Lebanon County, was born in

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Lebanon, June 14, 1832. He was the son of Philip Jacob Roedel and his wife, Justina Diller. At three years of age he entered public school, which he attended one year, then studied under private tutors, until he was fifteen, when he entered the Lebanon Academy to prepare for college. His health failing, he was sent to an uncle at Colerine Forges.

Two years later, all tubercular symptoms having disappeared, he returned home to study medicine with Dr. Cyrus Gleninger, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1857.

His father, thinking the practice of medicine too strenuous, purchased an interest in a book store for him. Six years later his uncle urged him to come to Tyrone to practice medicine. The mountain practice proved too hard and he again returned to Lebanon, where he practiced for nearly fifty years.

While in Tyrone he organized the first Lutheran Church in that place.

After his return to Lebanon, he was first an elder, then a trustee, of the church he had helped to build as a boy. Teacher of the adult Bible class, holding both positions until two years before his death. He was a director of the Lebanon National Bank, Secretary and Treasurer of the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike Co., one of the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and later of the Lebanon Sanitarium.

He was married to Susan Lochman Ruthrauff December 2nd, 1858, and lived to a good old age, dying August 17th, 1916. His pastor writes of him: "He lived a wonderful life, a life strong and manly, full of unselfish service, rich in blessed fruits."

MARY LOUISE ROEDEL

Mary Louise Roedel was born in Lebanon, January 22nd, 1863. She was the daughter of Henry Huesler and Susan Lochman (Ruthrauff) Roedel. The life of the family centered in the church, and the children were brought up to take their part in church and civic life.

For years Mary Roedel has been a faithful teacher in the Sunday School. At the death of her aunt, Emma C. Ruthrauff, she took her place, as President of the Woman's Missionary Society, serving in that capacity for twenty-five years, until the Woman's and Young Woman's Societies merged, under the leadership of her sister. Nor is her work confined to the home church. She is a well-known figure in Conference and Synodical Missionary work, having served on the Executive Committee of both, a good many years. Other things beside missions claim her attention. With her pastor's wife, she organized the King's Daughter's Society, the second year of the national organization; has been Regent of the D. A. R. and Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.

The Roedel sisters have many outside interests, but have never allowed them to interfere with their share in making the home life pleasant and attractive. During the World War, Miss Roedel was assistant in the knitting department of the Red Cross. At the close of the war she received the medal of the Red Cross, with one white stripe in the blue service ribbon.

EMMA MARGARET ROEDEL

Emma Margaret Roedel, second daughter of Henry Huesler and Susan Lochman (Ruthrauff) Roedel, was born in Tyrone, Blair County, Pennsylvania, July 10,

1865. Except for the first years of her life, her home has been in Lebanon. Like all the members of her father's family, her life has been centered in her church. She was a teacher in the primary department of the Sunday School, later assistant superintendent, until the death of her brother's wife made it necessary to assume the care of his home and mother-in-law, who was an invalid. When her father's failing health made it necessary for her brother and herself to return home, she again took up church work. She has been President of one of its Missionary Societies for twenty-two years.

During the World War she was active in the knitting department of the Lebanon County Chapter of the Red Cross. It was due largely to the efforts of herself and her sister, in altering knitting, that the chapter received the blue ribbon for perfect work. She has served as Registrar of the Lebanon Chapter, D. A. R., and is a standby for the King's Daughter's Society. Her life motto has been, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

LOUISE ROEDEL FULTON

Anna Louise Roedel Fulton, born November 17, 1870, is the youngest daughter of Henry Huesler and Susan (Ruthrauff) Roedel. She grew up in Lebanon and at the close of her school life opened a kindergarten in her home. She was organist and assistant superintendent in the primary department of the Sunday School until her marriage to Rev. George Fulton, November 21, 1900.

She went with her husband to Waynesboro, where they spent the first eleven years of their married life, and where their three children, Henry Roedel, Frances Sparks and George Power, were born. Twelve years

ago Rev. Fulton accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg, which he still serves. When leaving Waynesboro the session drew up a set of resolutions. One of the session said the only thing lacking in them is, you have not included Mrs. Fulton, Henry and Frances. We can never forget Mrs. Fulton and what she has done for the church, and even the children have exerted an influence for good. It was a lovely tribute to the minister's wife and to the little children. Mrs. Fulton's work has been continued in the present church, and in addition to the duties of church and home she found time, during the war, to take her part in the Red Cross work, as a true patriot should.

WILLIAM RUTHRAUFF ROEDEL

William Ruthrauff Roedel, son of Henry Huesler Roedel and Susan Lochman (Ruthrauff) Roedel, was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1859. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in 1883, returning to Lebanon for a year, with his preceptor, Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger. He went from there to the drug store of Dr. George Gross at Harrisburg. Receiving an urgent call from Mr. James T. Shinn, with whom he had spent his college years, he returned to Philadelphia. After spending a few years with Mr. Shinn, he took charge of the drug store of Dr. Weideman. From boyhood he had a strong desire to study medicine. His father, knowing he was not strong, persuaded him to substitute the drug business. The desire to practice was too strong, after ten years as a druggist, and he took the medical course at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 1895, returning to Leb-

anon, where he practiced until two years before his death, May 24, 1922. He was connected with his father and Dr. A. B. Gloninger in the Good Samaritan Hospital and the Lebanon Sanitarium, in both of which he did good service, during the Spanish-American and World Wars, to soldiers from the camp at Mt. Gretna. He was active in raising war funds, receiving acknowledgment from the government for both services.

September 28, 1898, he married Lucy Hastings Wright, daughter of Dr. William Wright and his wife, Emma Haveland. Mrs. William Roedel died May 12, 1901; also their infant son, Haveland Wright Roedel. Like his father, Dr. William Roedel was active in all the work of the church, serving as an officer in church and Sunday School. He was particularly interested in boys, who loved him dearly, as he loved them. He taught a class of boys in Sunday School and worked for them in the Y. M. C. A. as long as his health permitted him to do so, until he heard his Master's "Well done."

CHAPTER XVIII
DAVID RUTHRAUFF

Son of Rev. Johann and Ann Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania; no dates of birth or death. He was a distiller, farmer, grocer and miller, and his home was in Baltimore, Maryland. He married Eliza Hack. There were no children to this union, and I can only quote the following from a letter written by Miss Alice Fricke, of Milton, Pennsylvania, to me, May 20, 1917: "Many years ago, when 'Aunt Kate' and I were in Baltimore, Maryland, she took me with her to see 'Aunty Hack,' as they all called her. She was a quaint little elderly woman, the widow of one of grandpa's brothers. Her maiden name was 'Hack.' She and an old bachelor brother lived together in a very nice home on Lexington Street. I remember there was one room just filled with paintings 'Uncle Hack' had gathered on his travels. We stayed to tea and had the nicest, daintiest tea, served on delicate china, by a man servant. I can see 'Aunty Hack' as she sat on an old-fashioned rocking chair, elbows on each broad arm, hands brought together at finger tips, taken away and brought together again, in succession, as she told 'Aunt Kate' her story. She called her husband 'Your Uncle,' told of his business, said a party owed him for goods to the amount of \$1,500.00, and what he received for the goods she wanted to present to 'Aunt Kate.' I opened my eyes in wonder, as she brought out something that had been carefully wrapped up. I expected something fine. It was a small pinch-beck pin with a face painted

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on it. I remember 'Aunt Kate' telling mother, when we arrived home, that 'Aunty Hack' had given her a present worth \$1,500.00."

David Ruthrauff was said to be a refined man, of means. As there were no children, their line has passed out, as they have, many years ago.

CHAPTER XIX

MISS BARBARA RUTHRAUFF

Only daughter of Johannes and Anna Barbara (Hoffman) Ruthrauff, married Michael Welty, farmer and shoemaker, and moved to or near New Philadelphia, Ohio. This branch of the family have proved rather elusive, as I have been able to find none of her descendants or positively her name, though it was most likely "Barbara," as we find (according to Lewis Welty, attorney, of New Philadelphia, Ohio), the record of a deed, from Michael Welty and his wife Barbara Welty (the latter signing by mark "X") to James Brownlee, dated April 28, 1834, to the west half of lot 9, 4th quarter, township 8, range 3, conveyed to Michael Welty by deed bearing the date 24th of June, 1831, containing 50 acres. This land lies on Crooked Run, near New Philadelphia, Ohio, in the vicinity where Michael Welty used to live; and of the graveyard, where lie his remains, as Mr. Lewis Welty, attorney, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, son of George Welty, son of Michael Welty, in company with his father, years ago, visited this graveyard and found the marble slab, inscribed with the name and dates of Michael Welty, broken in pieces, but still sufficiently legible. No transcription of that inscription was preserved, and most likely nothing remains of the slab. Also no indication of his wife being buried there. From Mr. J. B. Hamma, of York, Pennsylvania, I received the following, taken from the York County court records: "Letters of administration were granted, on the estate of Barbara Ruthrauff, of Newberry Township, York County, Pennsylvania, June 22nd, 1802, Book 'H,' page 296"; Newberry Township being in the neighborhood of Quickel's

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Church, where Johann's children were baptized, it is probable this may have been his daughter, the wife of Michael Welty, but also, possibly, his own wife. We have no record of the first names of either.

Michael Welty was married twice, and according to a letter received by Miss Mary Roedel, from Dr. Mary Baer, of Chirala, of Gunture District, India, had a large family by both wives. I cannot give his first wife's name, but her children were born near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where their home was, and after the death of his first wife, he married Miss Ruthrauff, and as fast as the first wife's children grew up their father sent them to Ohio, to take up land, believing that the best he could do for them. Henry, David and George were the sons of his first wife. Henry, born in 1790, died in 1842, and is buried in Sugar Creek Township, Stark County, Ohio. David, of Escondido, California, was the youngest.

George Welty, grandfather of Dr. Mary Baer, walked from near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to Stark County, Ohio, and took up land, settled near Strausburg, and married an Altman; and Professor Joseph Welty, of New Philadelphia, whom my father believed to be his cousin, married my maternal first cousin, Miss Adaline Everhard.

Joseph Welty was a fine gifted man, superintendent of the New Philadelphia schools, as was his father, George Welty, who founded the Lutheran Church all about his neighborhood, and was a liberal supporter of Wittenburg College in its infancy. Was known as a fine man, far and wide. He died in 1865, a dear saint, adored by all. The only other information I could secure of the daughter of Johannes, who married Michael Welty, is in the following:

Copied from a letter written by William Welty, to David Welty, of Escondido, California, December 27,

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1897, and by the latter sent on September 1st, 1913, to Louis Welty, New Philadelphia, Ohio:

“Your father, Henry Welty, was born in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He learned his trade (carpenter) in the place he was born. His father, Michael Welty, was a first descendant of the original Pennsylvania Welty family. He raised his family, partly in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and partly in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, near Uncle Jake’s farm; and in the graveyard on Uncle Jake’s farm, his remains lie. (This is at the Pleasant Hill School-house, a mile west of New Philadelphia, Ohio, at ‘Blicktown’ where Crooked Run Valley opens to the Tuscarawas River from the west, in union with Stone Creek Valley, from the south. The Marietta Railroad passes to Canal Dover in sight at the foot of this hill.)”

Michael Welty had ten children by his first wife, and seven by the last. George Welty (father of Professor Joseph Welty, of Levi, of Jesse, of George), a life long business man of New Philadelphia, father of Louis Welty, the attorney, of Susanna Welty Booth, Mary Welty Zimmerman, Elizabeth Welty Eckhart, and Sarah Welty Baer (mother of two missionaries in India), in the year 1836 built the large brick house at his grist mill, saw mill, and woolen mill, by the millrace and dam, just below Strasburg, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Henry Welty, the carpenter, did the carpenter work on this house of his brother George. Each were sons of Michael Welty, by his first wife.

The three original Welty brothers came from the River Rhine, an upper branch of it, in Switzerland, in 1740. One brother settled at Hagerstown, Maryland. One settled at York, Pennsylvania. This brother had eight children who lived to an advanced age, of about one

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hundred years each. The third brother, who was your great-grandfather, settled in Gettysburgh, Pennsylvania, and most likely the father of Michael.

Our grandfather Michael Welty, married for his second wife, a minister's *daughter, called Ruthrauff. Wedded without consent. It was a great advantage for the intellectual Ruthrauff to be united with the Giant Dutch Welty's.

*Note.—This should be, minister's sister, unless the first Johannes was also a minister, as is believed by some of his descendants, as well as a farmer and weaver.

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series.

Michael Welty, Dover Township, York County. V. 21, page 63. Single man in 1781. Taxable in 1872. Also Jacob, John and Phillip, same Township. Probably brothers.

Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series.

Michael Welty, Continental Line. Depreciation Pay Private, York County Militia. (c) Vol. 4, page 481.

CHAPTER XX

GEORGE RUTHRAUFF

Firmly believed by his descendants to be the son of Rev. John and Ann Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, born in Upton, near Greencastle, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1801, died Lanark, Illinois, December 29, 1869. While this birth date conflicts with that of the Rev. Johnathan Ruthrauff, and while I am placing him in the line of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, there is some doubt as to his belonging there. He was a gunsmith, by trade. My father told me that his Uncle George was a bachelor and died in Marysville, California. Eastern relatives say he went to Florida from California, died there and was brought back to Pennsylvania for burial. Others say he died in Cuba, and was buried there. My cousin, Linda Ruthrauff, said years ago her father, John Ruthrauff, of Findlay, Ohio, received a letter from somewhere in Spain, saying a George von Ruthrauff had died there, leaving no heirs, and also leaving property, to which my uncle, John Ruthrauff, would have been heir, had this been our "Uncle George." Father's "Uncle George" was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, near Leitersburg, Maryland, so there is a mistake which I do not seem able to clear up, and am placing him where his descendants believe him to belong. He was an eccentric man and was lost sight of for many years. He left a large family and I am pleased to own them as close kinsfolk. He is supposed to be of French descent and both he and his son, John Reck Ruthrauff, were French in appearance. He was a man of earnest, persistent effort. He was married twice, his first wife being Susannah Seibert, who died aged thirty years. She



George Ruthrauff. Jacob Angle Ruthrauff. Mrs. Frank Mortimer
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was presumably from Clear Springs, Maryland. Born 1809, died 1839. They were married March 22, 1825, and their children were:

(1) Jacob Angle Ruthrauff, born August 7, 1826, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

(2) David Ruthrauff, born December 29, 1829, died December 20, 1901.

(3) John Reck Ruthrauff, born October 13, 1833, died November 23, 1886.

(5) George Ruthrauff, no dates.

Children of his second marriage to Jane Kalhan, born August 23, 1810, died October 18, 1869, all of Lanark, Illinois, were:

(1) Upton Ruthrauff, born November 27, 1842; died about 1900, Morrison, Illinois.

(2) Alice A. Ruthrauff, born December 12, 1845, died January 29, 1873.

(3) Amanda Ruthrauff, born February 3, 1849, died August 6, 1868.

(4) Anna Celia Ruthrauff, born January 27, 1852, died July 16, 1857.

George Ruthrauff died in Lanark, Illinois, following an operation for rose cancer, on his little toe. He had first had the toe amputated, and later his leg, below the knee. His cane, with G. R. carved on it, is owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. Laura May Thompson, of Des Moines, Iowa. His remains were taken back to Pennsylvania, by his family, and buried there.

DAVID RUTHRAUFF

Son of George and Susanna (Seibert) Ruthrauff, born December 29, 1829, died December 20, 1901, at Fort Scott, Kansas. He moved with his family, from Carol County, Illinois, to Redfield, Bourbon County, Kansas, in 1864, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land (according to his nephew, William E. Ruthrauff, of Washington, D. C.), accumulating, as time passed, about two thousand acres and became very prominent. He married April 27th, 1858, Margaret Bolinger, born June 27, 1840, died January 21, 1904. He was a farmer and he and his eleven children and their families lived in and near Fort Scott and Redfield, Bourbon County, Kansas. The children are as follows:

(1) Jacob B. Ruthrauff, born November 19, 1860, married Mary E. Wray, born April 12, 1859.

(2) George W. Ruthrauff, born December 13, 1862, married Maggie Richard, born January 28, 1867.

(3) Michel Ruthrauff, born November 30, 1864, married Isadora Rinehard, born August 14, 1864.

(4) William H. Ruthrauff, born February 17, 1867, married Fannie Rhea, born March 10, 1865.

(5) Lillian Ruthrauff, born October 29, 1869, married John C. Miller, born March 26, 1869.

(6) Elta S. Ruthrauff, born August 3, 1871, married Abraham W. Post, born March 30, 1872.

(7) Anna E. Ruthrauff, born May 29, 1873, died August 17, 1873.

(8) Della M. Ruthrauff, born May 29, 1875, died September 13, 1895. Her twin sister.

(9) Ella M. Ruthrauff, born May 29, 1875, died October 26, 1903.

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(10) Clara B. Ruthrauff, born April 16, 1880, married Elie Wray, born February 10, 1869, Uniontown, Kansas.

(11) Mary C. Ruthrauff, born August 29, 1859, died February 8, 1860.

What a splendid family, and all, as far as I can learn, fine, substantial people, of prominence in their community.

JACOB B. RUTHRAUFF

First son of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born November 19, 1860. Farmer and County Commissioner of Bourbon County, Kansas, lives in Fort Scott, Kansas. A man prominent in the affairs of the county. Married Mary E. Wray, born April 12, 1859. They are the parents of two children:

(1) Laura F. Ruthrauff, born February 26, 1881, married Mr. Gadlep Fink. Their home is in Keitsville, Kansas, and they are the parents of three children, as follows:

(a) Pearl Fink, born July 3, 1910.

(b) Frederick J. Fink, born December 24, 1911.

(c) Adolph Fink, born December 25, 1912.

(2) Fred Ruthrauff, born June 13, 1890, died February 18, 1908.

GEORGE RUTHRAUFF

Second son of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born December 13, 1862, married Maggie Richard, born January 28, 1857. I have no further data of their lives other than that they were the parents of six children and their home was in Redfield, Kansas. Their children were:

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- (1) Albert C. Ruthrauff, born July 30, 1886.
 - (2) Everett G. Ruthrauff, born December 11, 1888, and died January 28, 1898.
 - (3) Merril G. Ruthrauff, born December 17, 1890, married Cora Atter, their home being Redfield, Kansas.
 - (4) Leonard O. Ruthrauff, born April 5, 1895.
 - (5) Mamie A. Ruthrauff, born November 14, 1897.
 - (6) Curtis L. Ruthrauff, born January 16, 1899.
- All living in Redfield, Kansas.

MICHEL RUTHRAUFF

Third son of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born November 30, 1864, married Isadora Rinehard, born August 14, 1864. They are the parents of six children, as follows:

(1) Gracie P. Ruthrauff, born September 7, 1890, died August 17, 1891.

(2) Olive Ruthrauff, born July 2, 1892, married David Bowers, born August 1, 1884.

They are the happy parents of four children, as follows:

- (a) Elmer L. Bowers, born June 6, 1912.
- (b) Edith M. Bowers, born August 27, 1913.
- (c) Debert C. Bowers, born November 15, 1915.
- (d) Harold A. Bowers, born April 25, 1918.

(3) Millie W. Ruthrauff, born October 6, 1895, married Dayton Nunguster.

Their home is in Pittsburg, Kansas, and they have one child:

(a) Donald Nunguster, born November 20, 1916, Redfield, Kansas.

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(4) Earl E. Ruthrauff, born January 5, 1898, Redfield, Kansas.

(5) Herbert L. Ruthrauff, born October 25, 1901, Redfield, Kansas.

(6) Frank R. Ruthrauff, born March 20, 1903, Redfield, Kansas.

WILLIAM H. RUTHRAUFF

Fourth son of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born February 17, 1867, married Fannie Rhea, born March 10, 1865. Their home is in Redfield, Kansas, and their children as follows:

(1) Lelia B. Ruthrauff, born January 27, 1897.

(2) Glen G. Ruthrauff, born May 30, 1899, married Golda Mangold, born July 6, 1899.

(3) Rena P. Ruthrauff, born June 27, 1905.

All of Redfield, Kansas.

LILLIAN RUTHRAUFF

Fifth child of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born October 29, 1869, married John C. Miller, born March 26, 1869. Their home is in Custer, Michigan, and their children as follows:

(1) Ray W. Miller, born September 26, 1891, married Mamie Lucas, born June 1, 1889. Their home is in Rolfe, Iowa.

(2) Clarence D. Miller, born July 19, 1898, married Thelma C. Fager, born October 5, 1897. Their home is in Custer, Michigan.

(3) Lewis Miller, born February 13, 1897, Custer, Michigan.

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(4) Bertha M. Miller, born March 3, 1899, Custer, Michigan.

(5) Emra Miller, born August 6, 1905, Custer, Michigan.

There are two grand children born to the Miller family, but I do not know to which parents, as follows:

(a) George Miller, born April 5, 1918.

(b) Irene Miller, born February 12, 1917.

ELTA S. RUTHRAUFF

Sixth child of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born August 3, 1871, married Abraham W. Post, born March 30, 1872. Their home is in Redfield, Kansas, and they have two children. I am indebted to Mrs. Post for these fine records. Their children are as follows:

(1) Marion M. Post, born September 7, 1898.

(2) Lawrence A. Post, born July 26, 1902.

CLARA B. RUTHRAUFF

Seventh child of David and Margaret (Bolinger) Ruthrauff, born April 16, 1880. Married Elie Wray, born February 10, 1869. Their home is in Uniontown, Kansas, and their children as follows:

(1) Florence E. Wray, born December 4, 1902.

(2) Floyd Wray, born September 18, 1908, died January 18, 1909.

(3) Golda M. Wray, born December 9, 1901, died May 16, 1914.

(4) Raymond Wray, born August 11, 1916.

All of Uniontown, Kansas, and this ends the record of David and Margaret B. Ruthrauff's descendants.

CHAPTER XXI

JACOB ANGLE RUTHRAUFF

Written by his last surviving daughter, Mrs. Frank Mortimer Easter, Baltimore, Maryland, August, 1923.

I am going to write a descriptive information about my father's family, to the best of my ability. Unfortunately, I am next to the youngest of his children, and the only living one, and cannot give as satisfactory information as the elder ones could have done, but, as I say, they are all deceased. I cannot tell whatever became of the family Bible record on my father's side. I cannot even tell the middle name of my Grandfather Ruthrauff. His first name was George, and he was deceased before I was born, but my two elder sisters and my brother were so favored as to have been dearly associated with him. He was, they said, an intelligent, honorable and lovable character, with an aristocratic bearing. He married a Miss Susanna Seibert, who also was a very lovely lady, and very much beloved. My father was the eldest child of this union. His name was Jacob Angle Ruthrauff. He was born on August 7, 1825, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. This is the way I find it in our Bible. Whether it was near Greencastle, Pennsylvania, or not, I cannot say, as it just records Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He died August 15, 1895, in Baltimore, Maryland, at the age of seventy years. He is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

He had several brothers: David Ruthrauff, of Redfield, Kansas, and John Ruthrauff, of Illinois.

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He was a truly noble, honorable and lovable man, intelligent, with very great literary ability, and was a prominent and very well-known wholesale boot and shoe merchant of Baltimore, Maryland, as well as influential financially for many years. He married Eleanora Rebecca Eakle, of Washington County, Maryland, a noted beauty and greatly beloved; also had considerable means and of quite a prominent family. She also was of French descent, her mother's maiden name being Miss Colliflower. She died October 6, 1900, in her seventy-third year, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland. To this union eight children were born, the eldest child a daughter:

(1) Elizabeth Eakle Ruthrauff, who was a very highly educated lady, and very literary and cultured. Noted and beloved for her Christian fortitude and work in the church. She never married, and died on October 17, 1918, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

(2) William Eakle Ruthrauff, born 1853, died March 8, 1922. Was a very highly educated gentleman and was college bred and quite an artist, painting beautiful landscapes and different studies in oil, but engaged in mercantile pursuits most of his time and quite successful as a business man, both in Baltimore, Maryland, and in Washington, D. C. He married Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Atchison, of West Virginia, and they had one daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth Ruthrauff, who married a Southern gentleman, Mr. Robert Lee Huffine, and by their union they had two small sons:

(a) Robert Lee Huffine, Jr.

(b) Herbert Huffine, still living.

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William Eakle Ruthrauff died March 8, 1922, in Washington, D. C., and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

(3) The third child, a daughter, Miss Emma Susan Ruthrauff (Susan is for my father's mother). This daughter was very beautiful (inherited from my dear mother). She was highly educated also, and had a beautiful voice, having had it trained by able teachers. She was indeed devoted to her church, doing much in charity. She was never married, and died on October 19, 1887, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

(4) A fourth child, a daughter, Miss Annie Florence Ruthrauff, a very lovely child, bright and intelligent. She died during early childhood, on May 4, 1867, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

(5) The fifth child, a daughter, Miss Margaret Isabel Ruthrauff, a strong and noble character, remarkably home-loving and ambitious, well educated, so eager to make others happy. She never married and died November 8, 1915, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

(6) The sixth child, a son, George Washington Ruthrauff, a very handsome person, an educated and industrious thrifty business man. He never married and died in Baltimore, Maryland, February, 1896, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

(7) The seventh child, a daughter, Miss Eleanora Rebecca Ruthrauff (named for my mother) and the last surviving child of Jacob Angle and Eleanora Rebecca Ruthrauff. I was always said to look like my mother, and to inherit my father's literary taste. My father educated me as well as he did all of his other children,

and was such a wonderful father. I graduated with high honors and have always sought an edifying atmosphere and beautiful things. Fond of romance and nature. Have a great deal of sentiment.

I married Captain Frank Mortimer Easter, the son of an influential, wealthy, and prominent family, of Baltimore, Maryland. Captain Frank Mortimer Easter is a sea captain of the Merchant's Marine Service, and is very popular and considered among the best informed and capable captains in the service.

Of this union, seven children were born. Three of these little ones died in infancy and four were raised to maturity. Of these were:

(a) Miss Mary Mortimer Easter, who married Mr. William Bayard Selway, of Baltimore, Maryland, who comes of a prominent Baltimore family, of English descent. This was an educated and lovable daughter, devoted to her home, popular in her social set and a host of friends. She died on October 16, 1918, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland. Of this union two children were born:

A son, William Bayard Selway, Jr.

A daughter, Mary Louise Mortimer Selway.

Both very young and living in Baltimore, Maryland.

(b) The next one of our children, a daughter, Eleanora Rebecca Ruthrauff Easter (named for me, her mother and also my mother) is a remarkably brilliant and cultured child, graduated with honors and has a great fondness for charcoal drawing. Was a student of the Maryland Institute of Baltimore, Maryland. She married Mr. Wilbur Arthur Slaven, a southern gentleman of Tennessee. She has no children, and is at the present writing, living

in California but hopes to return to her native city, Baltimore, Maryland, in the near future.

The next one is a son, Mr. Frank Mortimer Easter, Jr., named for his father. A bright and good son. Am hoping a great future for him, as well as a long and useful life. He is a thorough business man and ambitious.

The next one a son, Mr. James Angle Easter, named for both grandfathers, James for his father's father, and Angle for his mother's father. He is also a good and wonderful son, and I am very proud of them both. James Angle is yet in his teens. Now you see out of the seven children born, I only have three left. All of my children were born in Baltimore, Maryland.

(8) Now the eighth child, or youngest of my father and mother, Jacob Angle Ruthrauff and Eleanora Rebecca Ruthrauff, was a son—Mr. Charles Angle Ruthrauff. He was educated and intelligent and very popular. Loved his home and delighted in showing his hospitality to his numerous friends. He was very thrifty and successful in business. He married, but never had an heir. He died on May 8, 1910, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland.

JOHN RECK RUTHRAUFF

Third son of George and Susannah (Seibert) Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1833, died November 23, 1886, of paralysis at Lanark, Illinois. He came to Carrol County, June 13, 1856, following his occupation as carpenter, with fidelity and success. He was united in marriage with Mary A. Garner, September 26, 1858. He was converted early in life and

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lived a devoted Christian, uniting with the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Lanark, Illinois, in June, 1867.

He was corporal of Company A, 146th Illinois Volunteers, serving eleven months, until the close of the war. A fine honorable, upright man, dearly beloved by his family, who are as follows:

(1) Millie Bell Ruthrauff, born January 23, 1860, died May 23, 1917, at Dallas Center, Iowa.

(2) Charles Porter Ruthrauff, born February 19, 1867, died December 2, 1870, Lanark, Illinois.

(3) Laura May Ruthrauff, born January 23, 1873.

MILLIE BELL RUTHRAUFF

First daughter of John Reck and Mary Amelia (Garner) Ruthrauff, born Lanark, Illinois, January 23, 1860, died Dallas Center, Iowa, May 23, 1917. Married to Charles Milton Hammond, born October 7, 1854, died February 3, 1885, at Lanark, Illinois. To them one child was born:

Clara Florette Hammond, born November 12, 1880, who married Elmer Allison Emmert, born March 1, 1880, Lanark, Illinois. Their home is in Dallas Center, Iowa, and he is editor of the "Times." One child was born to them, Ruth Adelaid Emmert, born Dallas Center, Iowa, February 21, 1908.

LAURA MAY RUTHRAUFF

Third child of John Reck and Mary Amelia (Garner) Ruthrauff, born Lanark, Illinois, January 23, 1873, married Prince Albert Thompson, of English descent, born Pella, Iowa, August 13, 1875. He came with his parents

to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1890. He is connected with the Des Moines Union Railroad, as superintendent of the "coach department." He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Des Moines, Iowa, a man of fine, sterling worth.

UPTON RUTHRAUFF

First child of George and Jane (Kalhan) Ruthrauff, born Lanark, Illinois, November 27, 1842, died in 1900, at Morrison, Illinois. September 14, 1868, he married Martha Jane Adams, born December 12, 1845. It was in the home of this son that George Ruthrauff spent his last years and Upton inherited most of his property. There were no children to this marriage.

ALICE A. RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of George and Jane (Kalhan) Ruthrauff, born Lanark, Illinois, December 12, 1845, died January 29, 1873. February 21, 1867, she was married to William H. Price, presumably of Galena, Illinois, born December 23, 1839. W. H. Price's present residence is at Newton, Kansas. Four children were born to them:

(1) Frank L. Price, born December 4, 1867, died August 27, 1869.

(2) Charles M. Price, born January 24, 1869, lived at Apple River, Illinois.

(3) Katie M. Price, born August 27, 1870, lived at Freeport, Illinois.

(4) Anna Price, born December 9, 1873, died September 18, 1874, Galena, Illinois.

CHARLES M. PRICE

Son of William H. and Alice A (Ruthrauff) Price, born January 24, 1869. On June 8, 1899, married Catherine R. Williams, born March 26, 1865, at Apple River, Illinois. Charles M. Price was a member of the town board, and his wife, Catherine, is superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School and chairman of the local "Red Cross." They are fine, Christian people, up-to-date and interested in all local philanthropic work. They had one son, Herbert Clifford Price, born November 29, 1900, at Apple River, Illinois. A promising musician and elocutionist.

KATIE M. PRICE

Daughter of William H. and Alice A (Ruthrauff) Price, born August 27, 1870. Her home is given as Galena, Illinois, and she was married November 12, 1906, to John Parkin, of Apple River, Illinois, born November 9, 1875. No further record of this couple.

CHAPTER XXII

ELIZABETH RUTHRAUFF

Was not the daughter of Rev. Johann and Ann Maria (Hamma) Ruthrauff, as many believed, but possibly of one of his brothers, as she was first cousin of Rev. Jonathan Ruthrauff. She was born 1793, died November 9, 1872, according to data from cemetery of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She married Michael Shriver, born 1774, died 1858. According to a record received from Mary L. Roedel, Elizabeth was married at the age of sixteen years. Their home seems to have been Harrisburg, and to them the following children were born:

(1) Charles Shriver, born June 19, 1809; died December 22, 1891.

(2) Henry Shriver; no record.

(3) Sarah Shriver, married Mr. Filby.

(4) Susan Shriver, married William Strickler.

(5) Matilda Shriver, born 1810, died 1902. Married Andrew Smith, born 1800, died 1865.

CHARLES SHRIVER

Born June 19, 1809; died December 22, 1891. Married Anna Turk Crane, born September 18, 1809; died February 19, 1874. The first white child born in Jersey City. She was the daughter of Daniel Crane. Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver died in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. To them four children were born, as follows:

(1) Henry Shriver, married Hannah Bennett. Their children were:

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(a) Charles Shriver.

(b) Ella Shriver.

(c) Henry Shriver, Jr.

(2) Emily Jane Shriver, daughter of Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver, died young.

(3) Daniel Shriver, son of Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver, married Louisa —; no children, and no further record.

(4) Lucy Shriver, daughter of Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver, married Thomas Miller, and their issue was one son, Nathan Miller.

(5) Aron Joseph Shriver, son of Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver, married, first wife, Jennie Brown. Their children are as follows:

(a) Jennie Shriver, married Charles Bell. They had two children, Ray Bell, who married Helen Sugar, and the children of Ray and Helen (Sugar) Bell are:

(1) Marian Bell.

(2) Raymond Bell.

(3) Louise Bell.

(4) Richard Edward Bell.

(5) Margaret Bell, daughter of Charles and Jennie (Shriver) Bell, married Ralph Henry Homan. They had one son, Ralph Henry Homan, Jr.

(5) Aron Joseph Shriver married a second wife, Sallie Copes, and to this union two sons were born:

(1) Walter Woorley Shriver, married and living in New York.

(2) Aron Joseph Shriver, Jr., single.

(6) Elmyra Shriver, daughter of Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver, died unmarried.

(7) Mary Shriver, daughter of Charles and Anna Turk (Crane) Shriver, married John Adam Albert, and their children are:

- (a) Jennie S. Albert, single.
- (b) John S. Albert, single.
- (c) Elsie M. Albert, married August Wagner; no children.

SARAH SHRIVER

Daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Shriver, married Mr. Fillby. Their children are:

- (1) Dan Fillby.
- (2) Susan Fillby.
- (3) Sarah Fillby.

No further data of them.

SUSAN SHRIVER

(4) Daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Shriver, married William Strickler, and their children are:

(1) Susan Strickler, married Mr. Kopp. Their children are:

- (a) Chloe Kopp, single.
- (b) Stainer Kopp, died unmarried.

(2) Mary Strickler, married George Immel, and their children are:

- (a) Harry Immel, married Mable Musser. They have one child, Barbara Musser Immel.
- (b) Robert Immel, died single.
- (c) Mary Immel, single.

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(d) Charles Shriver Immel, married Edith —, and they have one daughter, Ida Mearl Immel.

(3) Henry Strickler, third child of William and Susan (Shriver) Strickler, died single.

(5) Henry Shriver, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Shriver, died unmarried.

Matilda Shriver, daughter of Michal and Elizabeth (Ruthrauff) Shriver, born 1810, died 1902. Married Andrew Smith of Donegal, Ireland, born 1800, died 1865. Their issue was seven children, as found in Matilda Shriver Smith's old Bible, and are as follows:

(1) Frances Naoma Smith, M.D., born 1840, died 1918. Married James W. Baker. Died without issue.

(2) James Henry Smith, born 1843, died 1906. Married Mary Cavanaugh. Their only child, Helen M. Smith, born 1894, married William Rexford, Jr., and their two children are as follows:

(a) William Rexford 3rd, born 1919.

(b) Helen Rexford, born 1922.

(3) Thomas Absolom Smith, son of Andrew and Matilda (Shriver) Smith, born 1846, died 1847.

(4) Thomas Ablosom Smith, (5) Mary Matilda Smith, born 1848, twin children of Andrew and Matilda (Shriver) Smith. Thomas Absolom died 1852. Mary Matilda married Philip Wunderlie, born 1845 in Gerusheim, Germany (Mary Matilda died 1907) and their six children were as follows:

(1) Theressa Frances Wunderlie, born 1874; died 1878.

(2) Charles V. Wunderlie, born 1877; died 1879.

(3) Blanche Baker Wunderlie, born 1880.

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(4) Frederick V. Wunderlie, born 1883; married Hester Rodenbaugh. Their children are as follows:

- (a) Philip (3) Wunderlie, born 1908.
- (b) Doris C. Wunderlie, born 1912.
- (c) Mary Elizabeth Wunderlie, born 1917.
- (d) B. Annabel Wunderlie, born 1919.

(5) Philip Justis Wunderlie, son of Philip and Mary Matilda (Smith) Wunderlie, born 1887, no record.

(6) Horace Godfrey Wunderlie, son of Philip and Mary Matilda (Smith) Wunderlie, born 1890; married Marion Mackie, and their five children are as follows:

- (a) Horace G. Wunderlie Jr., born 1915.
- (b) Alexander Mackie Wunderlie, born 1917, died 1919.
- (c) Joseph Mackie Wunderlie, born 1919.
- (d) Marian Elizabeth Wunderlie, born 1921.
- (e) Nancy Alice Wunderlie, born 1923.

(7) Henry Shriver Smith, seventh child of Andrew and Matilda (Shriver) Smith, born 1853; died 1907; married Annie Hawes; their issue as follows:

- (1) Gladys K. Smith, born 1887.
- (2) Mabel Shriver Smith, born 1879; married Richard Weir; their children as follows:
 - (a) Richard Weir Jr., born 1904.
 - (b) Mary Lee Weir, born 1906.

(8) Charles Seal Smith, son of Andrew and Matilda (Shriver) Smith, born 1853, twin of Henry S. Smith. Died 1922. Married Mary Snowden. Without issue.

CHAPTER XXIII

HENRY RUTHRUFF

and

Mary Magdalene Reninger, his wife.

White Deer Township, Pennsylvania.

Henry Ruthruff, son of Johannes and Anna Barbara (Hoffman) Ruthrauff, was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1767.

He spent the earlier part of his life in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, later he went to Baltimore, Maryland, and learned ship building. About the year 1795 he settled in Union County, Pennsylvania, at the junction of Big and Little Buffalo Creeks. He died suddenly on June 3, 1824, while hewing a watering trough out of a log.

He moved from Baltimore by wagon, and was considered a wealthy man in his day, having several kegs of gold money, when he came into the region, and was one of the earliest settlers in that district. He also bought 1,000 acres of land in New York State, which he lost on account of a disputed title, and also lost one of his farms in Union County, trying to save the New York land. However, he saved a tract of 300 acres in White Deer Township, which he cleared. He built a log house on his place, which was later added to, and about 1815 he built a frame house, which is still standing, and in a good state of preservation. He was a man of sterling worth, a strong, energetic Christian character, a worthy descendant of his splendid ancestors. He married Mary Magdalene Reninger, a native of Cumberland, Pennsylvania, who was born May 20, 1768, and died

June 5, 1838. They were buried at the old White Deer Church. They were Lutherans and members and supporters of the White Deer Church. A strict man in his own life, and in the discipline of his family. They were the parents of fourteen children, several of whom died while young, of smallpox, and were buried in the garden near the house. Elizabeth, born in 1790, alone surviving, later marrying John High. Others were Henry, born 1795, married Susannah Seibert; Sarah, born 1797, married William Diffenbacher; Nancy, married Jacob Buser; Solomon, who married Lydia Millhouse; Hannah S., born 1808, married George B. Mathews; Daniel Sheetz, born 1813, married Judith Ann High; Samuel, born 1801, married Susannah Frain; and David, of whom there is no record.

He was a brother of Rev. Johann Ruthrauff, pioneer preacher of Pennsylvania. He and his wife often visited the family of his nephew, Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff, while living in Milton, Pennsylvania. His parents were pious German immigrants, who looked carefully after the spiritual training of their son. We find the family also rich in tradition.

CHAPTER XXIV

ELIZABETH RUTHRUFF

Eldest daughter of Henry and Mary Magdalene (Reninger) Ruthruff, the only one of the elder children to survive the smallpox, was born in White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1790, and on March 24, 1814, married John High. John High was born June 23, 1787, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and their home was in New Columbia, Pennsylvania. They were presumably farmers. Elizabeth (Ruthruff) High, died in New Columbia, February, 1860, and her husband, John High, died October 20, 1855.

Their issue was nine children, which are as follows:

(1) Maria High, born 1815, married Conrad Swartzlander, born 1816.

(2) Henry High, born 1816, married Mary Fisher, born 1817.

(3) William High, born 1818, married Rachel Spotts. No children.

(4) Washington High, born January 26, 1820, died July 30, 1820.

(5) Hannah High, born 1821, married Samuel Spotts, born 1817.

(6) Nancy High, born August 14, 1824, died December 1, 1856. Unmarried. Union County, Pennsylvania.

(7) Clarissa High, born December 27, 1826, married John Dersham, died August 12, 1852. No issue to this marriage and their home was in Union County, Pennsylvania.

(8) Elmira High, born September 7, 1829, died February 5, 1851, unmarried, Union County, Pennsylvania.

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(9) Sarah High, born February 21, 1832, died October 30, 1871, unmarried, Union County, Pennsylvania.

MARIA HIGH

(1) *Maria High*, eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Ruthruff High. Born February 8, 1815, married February 18, 1847, to Conrad Swartzlander, born March 16, 1816. Died July 27, 1865. Maria High Swartzlander, died May 7, 1901, Union County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of six children, as follows:

(1) Mary Elizabeth Swartzlander, born December 7, 1847, died August 10, 1850, Union County, Pennsylvania.

(2) Rachael Swartzlander, born December 19, 1849, died April 4, 1852, Union County, Pennsylvania.

(3) William H. Swartzlander, born September 11, 1851, died August 16, 1854, Union County, Pennsylvania.

(4) Eveline Swartzlander, born July 8, 1854, died February 2, 1855, Union County, Pennsylvania.

(5) John P. Swartzlander, January 14, 1856, lived in White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, married Sarah Ann Bitting, January 12, 1882. P. O. No. 3, Lewisberg, Pennsylvania.

(6) James B. Swartzlander, born July 12, 1857. Married Mary Alice Turner, born May 20, 1859, in Buffalo Township, Pennsylvania.

Children of John P. and Sarah Ann (Bitting) Swartzlander who were married January 12, 1882, and lived in White Deer Township, Union County, Pennsylvania:

(1) Floyd B. Swartzlander, born June 16, 1886. His first wife was Hattie J. Miller, of Shamoken, Pennsyl-

vania. Second wife, Mildred Le Pines, of Brooklyn, New York.

(2) Minnie L. Swartzlander, born July 11, 1893, died December 28, 1893.

Floyd B. Swartzlander lived and died in Selins Grove, Pennsylvania. No children.

James B. Swartzlander, son of Conrad and Maria (High) Swartzlander, was born July 12, 1857, and married Mary Alice Turner, born May 20, 1859, in Buffalo Township, Union County, Pennsylvania, where they made their home. Their children were:

(1) Nelly May Swartzlander, born May 11, 1890, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Married Paul L. Voneida, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

(2) Norman F. Swartzlander, born July 14, 1892. Married Sadie Ruth Mathews, born October 3, 1892. Married March 30, 1916.

Children of Paul L. and Nellie May (Swartzlander) Voneida.

(a) Alice Anna Voneida, born September 23, 1912, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

(b) Clarence S. Voneida, born May 25, 1914, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

(c) Willard G. Voneida, born July 16, 1916, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

(2) *Henry High*, second child of John and Elizabeth (Ruthruff) High, was born April 17, 1816. Married Mary Fisher October 4, 1838, and died March 26, 1857.

Mary Fisher, born October 9, 1817, died June 10, 1846. Their home was in White Deer Township, Union County, Pennsylvania, and their children were as follows:

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(1) Stephen High, born June 28, 1840, died May 10, 1841.

(2) William High, born June 28, 1842, died March 28, 1889, at Rawlins, Wyoming.

(3) Augustus High, born September 9, 1844, married Ida Richardson, of Philadelphia, in 1877. There were no children to this marriage.

(4) Keturah High, born October 7, 1848, married December, 1867, to David Stine. Their home was in Antesfort, Leysoming County, Pennsylvania. They had two children, as follows:

(a) Minnie B. Stine, born May 24, 1867. Died September 25, 1899. Married Eugene Keifer. (Their address 1134 Chester Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.) No children.

(b) Charles A. Stine, born July 29, 1876, died May 5, 1878.

(3) *William High*, son of John and Elizabeth (Ruthruff) High, married Rachel Spotts. There were no children to this marriage.

(4) *Hannah High*, fifth child of John and Elizabeth (Ruthruff) High, born October 24, 1824. Died November 30, 1846. Married Samuel Spotts, born January 24, 1817, died May 17, 1846. Their home was in Union County, Pennsylvania, and they left one son, Ephram K. Spotts, born April 20, 1844. He was in the grocery business in Milton, Pennsylvania. Married Harriett Wagner, March 1, 1871. Harriet Wagner Spotts born January 26, 1846, died May 29, 1902. Their children were as follows:

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(1) Edgar Wagner Spotts, born December 1, 1871, in New Jersey. Married June 21, 1911, to Estella Romig, born May 6, 1877.

(2) Ellory High Spotts, born March 10, 1874. Married February 28, 1901, to Rose Courtney De Frain, born April 4, 1877.

(3) Maud May Spotts, born January 28, 1876, married David Stine, born June 23, 1849. Married May 8, 1917.

(4) Samuel Ray Spotts, born May 8, 1880, married January 6, 1909, Anna Mary (name omitted), born December 3, 1883.

(5) Milton Arthur Spotts, born July 3, 1884, married Mary Etta Anderson, born June 6, 1884.

(6) Harriet Blanche Spotts, born April 22, 1889, married in 1910, Harry C. Henry, born May 20, 1888.

(1) *Ellory High Spotts*, son of Ephram K. and Harriet (Wagner) Spotts, and Rose Courtney (De Frain) Spotts, were blessed with four children as follows:

(a) Frances Lura Spotts, born December 15, 1901.

(b) Sarah Elizabeth Spotts, born April 4, 1904.

(c) William Ellory Spotts, born July 7, 1905.

(d) Martha De Frain Spotts, born August 18, 1907.

(2) *Milton Arthur Spotts* (son of Ephram K. and Harriet [Wagner] Spotts), and Mary Etta (Anderson) Spotts, left one daughter, Mary Aurelia Spotts, born September 12, 1908. (Have no further records of her.)

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(3) *Harriet Blanche Spotts*, born April 22, 1889, daughter of Ephram K. and Harriet (Wagner) Spotts, married in 1910, Harry C. Henry, born May 20, 1888, and their three children are as follows:

(a) Milton Henry, born December 8, 1910.

(b) Marian Fannie Henry, born October 3, 1912.

(c) Leon Henry, born November 12, 1916.

This closes the record of the family of John and Elizabeth (Ruthruff) High.

CHAPTER XXV
HENRY RUTHRUFF

Eldest son of Henry and Mary Magdalene (Renenger) Ruthruff, born February 21, 1795, died April 20, 1873. He married Susannah Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Shortly after their marriage they came to New York State and settled in Seneca Falls, bought land and cleared it and lived there until his death. To them eight children were born, four of whom were married, as follows:

(1) Mary Ruthruff, born February 14, 1820, died May 4, 1845, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(2) John Ruthruff, born October 28, 1821, died December 5, 1857, at Seneca Falls, New York. Married Lucinda C. Clewell in 1846.

(3) Margaret Ruthruff, born November 7, 1823, died June 14, 1850.

(4) Joseph Ruthruff, born July 25, 1829, died 1855 at Seneca Falls, New York. Married in 1853 Henrietta Clewell. (No dates and no children.)

(5) Moses Ruthruff, born January 8, 1832, died June 6, 1848, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(6) Susan Ruthruff, born April 24, 1834, died February 18, 1870, at Seneca Falls, New York. Married September 22, 1863, Jacob Lutz, a farmer.

(7) Henry S. Ruthruff, born October 10, 1836, Seneca Falls, New York. Married Emma V. Mathews.

(8) Sarah Ruthruff, born February 5, 1839, died May 9, 1857.

(1) *John Ruthruff*, eldest son of Henry and Susannah (Seibert) Ruthruff, of Seneca Falls, New York, married



Henry Ruthrauff.
Drayton, North Dakota.



House Built By Henry Ruthrauff of White Deer Township, Pa.

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in the year 1846, Lucinda Clewell. Their life was spent on a farm near Seneca Falls. We have record of only two children to this union.

(a) David H. Ruthruff, florist, born August 4, 1847, at Seneca Falls, New York. Married June 6, 1867, Susan Beach (no date of birth). There were no children to this union.

(b) Susan Ruthruff, born December 26, 1849, Seneca Falls, New York. Married April, 1868, to Samuel Gould, Seneca Falls, New York. Samuel Gould was a farmer, and they lived all their life on a farm near Seneca Falls. To them were born five children, as follows:

(1) Eva May Gould (no dates).

(2) David A. Gould (no dates), Syracuse, New York.

(3) Helen A. Gould, who married ——— Hall, Syracuse, New York.

(4) Susan A. Gould, Seneca Falls, New York.

(5) Cora E. Gould, Ph.B.

(2) *Henry S. Ruthruff*, fourth son of Henry and Susan (Seibert) Ruthruff, of Seneca Falls, New York, born October 10, 1836, was married in Waterloo, New York, to Emma V. Mathews, of Canogo, New York. He followed farming until the Civil War in 1862. He enlisted in Battery D, 3rd New York Light Artillery, and served nineteen months. After the war he was a carpenter until 1882, when he was elected policeman of Seneca Falls, and served five years. Then took up building and contracting until 1889. He was appointed Superintendent of Cemetery of Seneca Falls, New York, and occupies this position until the present time, 1911. They were parents of six children, as follows:

(a) Arvilla B. Ruthruff, born November 14, 1860, died November 1, 1862, Seneca Falls, New York.

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(b) Addie E. Ruthruff, born June 10, 1862. Married May 10, 1882, to Fred M. Page, born May 25, 1856, died January 30, 1890, Seneca Falls, New York.

(c) Irving D. Ruthruff, born February 21, 1866, died May 29, 1890, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(d) Pearl B. Ruthruff, born April 22, 1868, died August 20, 1868, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(e) Bertie G. Ruthruff, born May 22, 1871, died August 7, 1871, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(f) Maynard C. Ruthruff, born January 3, 1875, died August 18, 1875, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(1) *Addie E.* (daughter of Henry S. and Emma V. [Mathews] Ruthruff), of Seneca Falls, New York, born June 10, 1862, married May 10, 1882, to Fred M. Page, born May 25, 1856 and died January 30, 1890. Their children and grandchildren are as follows:

(a) Beulah E. Page, married — Jayne (no record of their life), Auburn, New York.

(b) Lula M. Page, married George Clute, Seneca Falls, New York.

(c) Irving Ruthruff Page, Syracuse, New York. No record of his wife, but he was married and left two children, as follows:

(1) Dorothy I. Page, Syracuse, New York.

(2) Donald I. Page (no record of dates), Syracuse, New York.

Lulu M. Page (daughter of Addie E. Ruthruff and Fred M. Page), married George Clute, and they were blessed with two children, as follows:

(1) Gordon Henry Clute, Seneca Falls, New York.

(2) Beulah May Clute (no dates), Seneca Falls, New York.

(3) *Susan Ruthruff* (sixth child of Henry and Susannah [Seibert] Ruthruff), born April 24, 1834, died February 18, 1870, married Jacob Lutz, September 22, 1863. They were farmers and lived near Seneca Falls, New York. They were the parents of four children, as follows:

(a) Frances C. Lutz, born September 19, 1864, died May 28, 1884, Seneca Falls, New York.

(b) Cora B. Lutz, born March 17, 1867, died June 17, 1867, Seneca Falls, New York.

(c) Laura M. Lutz, born May 10, 1869, Fayette, New York. Married July 5, 1885, to Charles Poorman, Fayette, New York.

(d) Susan L. Lutz, born February 15, 1870, died 1874, Fayette, New York.

(1) *Laura M. Lutz* (daughter of Jacob and Susan [Ruthruff] Lutz), born May 10, 1869. Married to Charles Poorman, July 5, 1885. No record of their lives, other than their great wealth of children, as each one is supposed to equal \$1,000,000.00. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows:

(a) Stella M. Poorman, born November 17, 1886, Fayette, New York.

(b) Nellie C. Poorman, born January 6, 1889, Fayette, New York.

(c) Elmer J. Poorman, born May 18, 1890, Fayette, New York.

(d) Velma B. Poorman, born February 19, 1892, Fayette, New York.

(e) Henry F. Poorman, born September 17, 1893, Fayette, New York.

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(f) Bertha M. Poorman, born April 16, 1895, Fayette, New York.

(g) Sarah A. Poorman, born November 12, 1898, Fayette, New York.

(h) Alice M. Poorman, born September 24, 1900, Fayette, New York.

(i) Clarence M. Poorman, born September 13, 1901, Fayette, New York.

(j) Howard E. Poorman, born November 5, 1903, Fayette, New York.

(k) Seeley A. Poorman, born May 17, 1905, Fayette, New York.

(l) Marian R. Poorman, born January 24, 1907, Fayette, New York.

(m) Charles F. Poorman, born January 4, 1909, Fayette, New York.

CHAPTER XXVI

SARAH RUTHRUFF

Sarah Ruthruff (third child of Henry and Mary M. [Renenger] Ruthruff), born August 14, 1797, died March 10, 1866. Married September 11, 1817, to Wm. Diffenbacher, born August 8, 1796, died January 14, 1870. They were parents of eleven children, as follows:

(a) Carolin Diffenbacher, born August 7, 1818, died November 18, 1885. Married Mr. — Newcomer. They had one daughter, who is not living.

(b) Uriah Silsby Diffenbacher, born December 7, 1819 (no data).

(c) Mary Diffenbacher, born July 17, 1822, died February 14, 1873. Married Mr. — Leisening (no data).

(d) Catherine Diffenbacher, born January 15, 1825, died March 10, 1826.

(e) Henrietta Diffenbacher, born November 10, 1826, died 19—. Married Mr. Barto (no data).

(f) Johannah Diffenbacher, born September 1, 1828, died August 8, 1894. Married Mr. — Salada (no data).

(g) Samuel Diffenbacher, born June 8, 1831, died October 25, 1882.

(h) Charles Levan Diffenbacher, born February 24, 1833 (no data).

(i) Sarah C. Diffenbacher, born January 23, 1835, died June 17, 1904. Married W. D. Buser (no data).

(j) Selina Hiles Diffenbacher, born October 4, 1836. Married Mr. — Pratt (no data).

(k) Salome Elizabeth Diffenbacher, born December 9, 1838. Married Y. W. Yetter. Their home is in Solidas-

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burg, Pennsylvania. She is the only one living, of the eleven children at this time (1917). There are descendants of this fine family living, but there was no response to our numerous letters of inquiry, hence their omission.

CHAPTER XXVII

NANCY RUTHRAUFF

Nancy Ruthrauff, daughter of Henry and Mary Magdalena (Reninger) Ruthrauff, born November 16, 1806, and reared in Union County, Pennsylvania. In 1826, when twenty years old, was married to Jacob Buser. They moved to Lycoming County, living there about thirty years when they cleared and improved a piece of timber land and rearing a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. They came west in 1858 and settled on a farm in Wisconsin. In 1869 typhoid fever broke out in the family and in five weeks took toll of husband, eldest son and youngest daughter. August 26th, 1879, Mrs. Buser was rendered helpless by a fall. She had, a short time before, lost her eyesight and was afflicted with neuralgia, and had since been an invalid, tenderly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Dersham. She was a devoted Christian and bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and courage. She died Sunday, May 13th, 1900, the oldest lady resident of Warren, Illinois, aged ninety-three years and six months. She retained her mental faculties to a wonderful extent and the day before her death, sang a hymn, the words being coherent and audible to those in the room with her. She left the following children:

- (1) Mrs. Mary Buser Dersham, Warren, Illinois.
- (2) William D. Buser, Santa Anna, California.
- (3) Elizabeth (Buser) Allen, Bird City, Kansas.
- (4) S. L. Buser, Warren Illinois.
- (5) L. H. Buser, Warren, Illinois.
- (6) H. R. Buser, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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- (7) J. H. Buser, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.
- (8) Ellis W. Buser, Dawson, Nebraska.
- (9) Mrs. Lydia (Buser) Melinger, Pine Island, Nebraska.

Mrs. Nancy Buser was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery Tuesday, May 18th, 1900. "Thus ends the life of a good woman. Although in humble station, she made the world better for having lived in it. If every life could be as well spent, earth would not need a heavenly paradise as a place of reward." (Quoted from the Warren Sentinel-Leader of May 24th, 1900.)



Samuel Ruthroff.

CHAPTER XXVIII

SAMUEL RUTHRUFF

Samuel Ruthruff, eighth son of Henry and Mary Magdalene (Renenger) Ruthruff, born in White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1801, died September 16, 1877, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He lived at home with his parents, although he worked some for neighbors, as was customary in those days and many succeeding years at that time, until quite a young man, when he went to Seneca County, New York (exact date not known), where he followed farming, and there was married to Susannah Frain, born February 18, 1807, died September 24, 1850, and they are buried in Pray Cemetery, Superior Township, Michigan. (Susannah Frain was the daughter of Michael Frain, born September 30, 1775, died January 30, 1851, the son of Henry Frain. *He* was son of Michael Frain, Sr., grandfather of Susannah Frain Ruthruff. Michael Frain came from Pennsylvania to Michigan, and settled on a farm in Superior Township, Michigan, in 1865, both are buried in Pray Cemetery.)

Samuel Ruthruff went to Michigan in 1836, bought a farm, then moved his family to a place called Frain's Lake, in 1837. His wife died in 1850, and he later married a Miss Wilcox. They lived at Frain's Lake until 1853, when he moved to Ann Arbor (having rented his farm to his son, Henry Ruthruff), where he lived until his death, in 1877, at the age of seventy-six. Samuel Ruthruff and Susannah Frain were the parents of thirteen children, as follows:

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(1) Henry Ruthruff, born November 23, 1826, died February 27, 1920. Married Arminda Miller, born March 17, 1835, died January 20, 1910.

(2) Samuel Ruthruff, born February 4, 1828, died June 6, 1867. Married Delia Fall. Their home was in Fayette, New York.

(3) Daniel Ruthruff, born February 1, 1829, Fayette, New York (not heard of in years).

(4) William Ruthruff, born May 27, 1830, died December 6, 1921. Married, first Maria Knapp, who died October 18, 1857, at Detroit, Michigan. His second wife was Phoebe Jane Smith, born April 14, 1839, at Detroit, Michigan.

(5) Harrison Ruthruff, born January 27, 1832, died August 29, 1913, at Fayette, New York. Married May Jane Savage, born December 12, 1835, died May 5, 1900, Fayette, New York.

(6) Mary E. Ruthruff, born January 30, 1834, died May 14, 1899, at Fayette, New York. Married Freeman Galpin.

(7) Harriet Ruthruff, born April 7, 1836, died February 29, 1872, at Fayette, New York. Married Nathan Munger.

(8) Edwin Ruthruff, born December 20, 1837, died July 27, 1907, Dixboro, Michigan. Married Eliza Sly.

(9) Chester Ruthruff, born December 14, 1839, Dixboro, Michigan. Married Euren Kellogg.

(10) George Ruthruff, born January 30, 1842, died September 23, 1919. Married Addie Townsend.

(11) John W. Ruthruff, born February 14, 1845, died March 13, 1839, at Farndale, Michigan. Married Katherine Eginston, born July 3, 1852, Royal Oak, Michigan.

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(12) Sarah Ruthruff, born February 17, 1847, died January 7, 1918. Lived at Dixboro, Michigan. Married Ransom Schuart, died July 10, 1917.

(13) Althea Ruthruff, born August 19, 1849, at Dixboro, Michigan, and died May 22, 1921, at Blue Island, Illinois.

CHAPTER XXIX

HENRY RUTHRUFF

Henry Ruthruff, son of Samuel and Susannah (Frain) Ruthruff, and grandson of Henry, of White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, was born November 23, 1826, and died February 27, 1920, 93 years, 3 months and 13 days. While living at home, attended school, first in Seneca County, New York, later in Superior, Washtenau County, Michigan. After finishing school, he taught in Belleville, Michigan, in 1848 in the winter. In the summer he worked on the farm. In the years 1849 and 1850 he taught school in Freeport, Illinois. Had quite an experience, "boarding around," which was the custom common in those days. Returning from Illinois, he worked for his father on the farm until his marriage in Superior, Michigan, to Arminda Miller, born March 17, 1835, died January 20, 1910, when he rented his father's farm and followed farming for many years. In 1897 he went to Dakota and secured 489 acres of land, in Bell Township, near Hunter, where he farmed one year, then moved his family to Hunter and went into the grocery business. After three years' time he again returned to the farm, which he continued to work until the fall of 1889, when he retired and moved to Fargo, where he continued to live until 1916, when he went to make his home with his son, Erna Milton Ruthruff, at Drayton, North Dakota, his wife having died some seven years previous. He was at that time 91 years old and a fine, well-preserved old man. It was my privilege to receive several nicely written letters from him, written after his 91st birthday, and I truly regret not having known him earlier in life,

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when his mind was strong and vigorous, as I hear children and friends speak of him as a "grand old man," a worthy descendant of his fine ancestors. He left a family of three children:

(1) William Edgar Ruthruff, born September 13, 1857; died June 28, 1902. Married October, 1893, to Laura Louise McCarthy.

(2) Erna Milton Ruthruff, born September 23, 1859, at Bennington, Michigan. Married January 24, 1888, to Anna Jane Shafer, born January 4, 1866, Plymouth, Michigan.

(3) Luella May Ruthruff, born November 24, 1873. Teacher. Plymouth, Michigan.

(1) *William Edgar Ruthruff*, eldest son of Henry and Arminda (Miller) Ruthruff, born September 13, 1857; died June 28, 1902. Married October, 1893, to Laura Louise McCarthy. He graduated from the High School of Plymouth, Michigan, and later attended Agricultural College at Lansing, Michigan. About the year 1880 he came west to Fargo, North Dakota, and was in the real estate business for four years, when he took to farming, and followed that until he died. They had one son, Willis Edgar Ruthruff, born November 16, 1898.

(2) *Erna Milton Ruthruff*, son of Henry and Arminda (Miller) Ruthruff, born September 23, 1859, at Plymouth, Michigan; lived at home near Plymouth, Michigan. Attended public school, and after graduating from High School, he went to Dakota at the age of 19. He has followed farming ever since, except for three

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years, when he was in the ink manufacturing business in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He later sold out, and bought near Drayton, North Dakota, where they now live, and where his father, Henry Ruthruff, passed the evening of his splendid life. Erna Milton and Anna Jane (Shafer) Ruthruff were the parents of four children, as follows:

(1) Glen Alba Ruthruff, born February 22, 1890, Fargo, North Dakota. Married April 18, 1917, Edith Helen Chesworth.

(2) Verna May Ruthruff, born August 10, 1891, Fargo, North Dakota. Married December 9, 1915, Robert J. McLachlan. They have one child, Donald Milton McLachlan, born at Fargo, North Dakota, on November 27, 1916.

(3) Lola Irene Ruthruff, born June 6, 1897, Fargo, North Dakota. Married June 10, 1914, Frederick Albert Deitrich. They have one child, Dorothy Idella Deitrich, born November 30, 1916, Fargo, North Dakota.

(4) Clarence Edgerton Ruthruff, born October 3, 1900, Fargo, North Dakota.

(3) *Luella May Ruthruff*, daughter of Henry and Arminda (Miller) Ruthruff, born November 24, 1873, at Plymouth, Michigan; lived at home and attended school. Finished her education at Fargo, North Dakota, since which time she has taught school, as she has not married.

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WILLIAM RUTHRUFF

William Ruthruff, son of Samuel and Susannah (Frain) Ruthruff, was born May 27, 1830; died December 6, 1921, and was married July 4, 1855, to Maria Knapp, who died October 18, 1857, leaving one son, William Addison Ruthruff, who died November 15, 1880. William Ruthruff was considered a first-class mechanic and house builder. Of late years, since 1871, he has been manufacturing wooden suction pumps, and continued in that business until broken down in health, and city improvements killed his business. He held a township office in Greenfield for twenty-five years, was on the school board nearly all the time, and on the night of his resignation he was honored by having the name, "Ruthruff School," given to one of the schools in the City of Detroit, in the sixteenth ward. He married a second wife, Phoebe Jane Smith, September 30, 1860, and their home is in Detroit, Michigan. To them three children were born, as follows:

(1) Nora Elinor Ruthruff, born April 7, 1864; died September 4, 1866, at Dixboro, Michigan.

(2) Mary Bell Ruthruff, born October 5, 1868, in Redford, Michigan. She graduated in music from the Thomas School of Music, also from the Boston School; was also special teacher of music in the public schools several terms. July 29th, 1890, she married Robert M. Morton, and their home is in Greenfield, Michigan. Three children were born to them:

(a) Marion Redell Morton, born June 15, 1891.

(b) Helene Davis Morton, born April 3, 1894.

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(c) Douglas Morton, born November 16, 1898; died June, 1916.

Harriet May Ruthruff, daughter of William R. and Phoebe Jane (Smith) Ruthruff, born August 12, 1872, at Greenfield, Michigan. Graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, and was a special teacher of music in public schools for several years. Was married June 26, 1895, to Charles Nuthall. Their issue was one daughter, Florence Jamison Nuthall, born January 23, 1897, in Detroit, Michigan. She married Douglas William Robertson, January 16, 1919, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their home is in Detroit, Michigan. Florence Jamison (Nuthall) Robertson was a kindergarten teacher, a graduate of St. Mary's, Monroe, Michigan; also of the Ypsilanti State Normal.

(1) Marian Redell Morton, eldest daughter of Robert M. and Mary Bell (Ruthruff) Morton, is a nurse in the United States Service, in a convalescent hospital for soldiers coming from overseas, out of the trenches of France. She is a graduate from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, a pianist, also a teacher of piano.

(2) Helen Davis Morton, daughter of Robert M. and Mary Bell (Ruthruff) Morton, married April 10, 1917, Walter D. Chanter, a bookkeeper, and they have one daughter, Marian M. Chanter, born February 17, 1918. Their home is in Detroit, Michigan.

(3) Douglas Morton, son of Robert M. and Mary Bell (Ruthruff) Morton, was a cadet in military school in Wisconsin, and was 19 years old when he died.

CHAPTER XXXI

HARRISON RUTHRUFF

Harrison Ruthruff, fifth son of Samuel and Susannah (Frain) Ruthruff, born January 27, 1832, came with his parents from Genessee County, New York, when a small boy to settle on a farm, near Ann Arbor, Michigan. He received his education from the public schools, and always lived on a farm. After leaving his father's home he lived on his own farm near Ypsilanti, Michigan. He was an energetic, hard-working, up-to-date man, managing his own farm and taking an active interest in current events, until he was seventy-five years old, when he retired to the village of Bellville, Michigan, where he died August 29, 1913, in his eighty-second year. He married Mary Jane Savage, born December 12, 1835, and died May 5, 1906. To them were born six children, as follows:

(1) Lewis E. Ruthruff, born April 24, 1861. Married Myra E. Soop, born October 23, 1864.

(2) Hattie Ruthruff, born April 22, 1864.

(3) Ida A. Ruthruff, born April 28, 1866. Married Adelbert Roe, of Ann Arbor.

(4) Iola Ruthruff, born October 17, 1868, Detroit, Michigan.

(5) Charles Savage Ruthruff, born October 20, 1870.

(6) Mary E. Ruthruff, born May 1, 1874. Married Jewett I. Amerman, born August 17, 1875.

(1) *Lewis E. Ruthruff*, first son of Harrison and Mary Jane (Savage) Ruthruff, was born April 24, 1861. Presumably grew up on his father's farm near Ypsilanti,

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Michigan. November 25, 1886, he married Myra E. Soop, born October 23, 1864, and they live in Dearborn, Michigan, where he is employed in the Ford & Son Tractor Plant. To them were born four children:

(1) Coral Ruthruff, born August 29, 1887. Married Harry Ray Richardson, born October 7, 1884.

(2) Reva Ruthruff, born January 20, 1889. Married Fred G. Fisher, born November 12, 1890.

(3) Cleve Ruthruff, born November 22, 1891; died March 20, 1909.

(4) Inez Ruthruff, born November 17, 1893.

(1) Coral Ruthruff, first daughter of Lewis E. and Myra E. (Soop) Ruthruff, married Harry Ray Richardson, manager of Condensed Milk Factory at Northville, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Arline Richardson, born November 11, 1914.

(2) Reva Ruthruff, born January 20, 1889, second daughter of Lewis E. and Myra E. (Soop) Ruthruff. June 24, 1908, married Fred C. Fisher, born November 12, 1890. Is School Commoner of Wayne County, Michigan, and their home is in Bellville, Michigan, and their children are as follows:

(a) Muriel Fisher, born February 18, 1911.

(b) Ruella Fisher, born September 23, 1913.

(c) Deal Fisher, born October 22, 1917.

(3) Inez Ruthruff, born November 17, 1893, second daughter of Lewis E. and Myra E. (Soop) Ruthruff, is stenographer of Ford Motor Company, Highland Park, Michigan.

(2) Hattie Ruthruff, second child of Harrison and Mary Jane (Savage) Ruthruff, was born April 22, 1864.

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Is bookkeeper for the Bellville Milling Co., a very busy, up-to-date young woman, and although busy, responded gladly and willingly to my request for family history. May she always be busy and able to work, the best wish in the world.

(3) Ida A. Ruthruff, third child of Harrison and Mary Jane (Savage) Ruthruff, born April 28, 1866; died February 2, 1919. Married Adelbert Roe.

(4) Iola Ruthruff, fourth child of Harrison and Mary Jane (Savage) Ruthruff, born October 17, 1868. No other record.

(5) Charles Savage Ruthruff, fifth child of Harrison and Mary Jane (Savage) Ruthruff, born October 20, 1870. Was married June 26, 1901, to Lulu Pulver, and they live at 203 South Blackstone Street, Jackson, Michigan. They have two daughters, as follows:

- (1) Dorothy Ruthruff.
 - (2) Elizabeth Ruthruff.
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(6) Mary Elizabeth Ruthruff, born May 1, 1874, sixth child of Harrison and Mary Jane (Savage) Ruthruff. Married Jewett Amerman, born August 17, 1875. They are the happy parents of two children:

- (1) Ellis Amerman, born December 31, 1904.
- (2) Cyril Amerman, born February 14, 1908.

CHAPTER XXXII

MARY ELIZABETH RUTHRUFF

Mary Elizabeth Ruthruff, sixth child of Samuel and Susannah (Frain) Ruthruff, born January 30, 1834, in Fayette, Seneca County, New York. Came to Superior, Washtenau County, Michigan, with her parents in 1837. She was married to Freeman Pinckney Galpin, born July 18, 1825 (son of Philo and Jane Townsend Galpin); married October 20, 1853. The Galpins are a large family, whose history dates back to 1637, in the New Haven Colony, which history is now in possession of William Galpin, of Muskegon, Michigan. Mary Elizabeth (Ruthruff) Galpin and Freeman Pinckney Galpin lived all their married life on a farm, located in Superior, Washtenau County, Michigan, where their family was born and reared. Mary Elizabeth (Ruthruff) Galpin died May 14, 1899, and both she and her husband are buried in Pray Cemetery, Superior Township, Michigan. They were blessed with eight children, as follows:

(1) Ida May Galpin, born May 20, 1856; died September 10, 1864.

(2) Rev. William Galpin, born February 14, 1859; lives in Muskegon, Michigan.

(3) Ella Galpin, born July 26, 1861; died August 26, 1863.

(4) Eliza Jane Galpin, born March 15, 1865; died July 6, 1877.

(5) Linius H. Galpin, born April 1, 1869; lives at Plymouth, Michigan.

(6) Luella Galpin, born December 16, 1874; died December 25, 1874.

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(7) Marian Galpin, born March 8, 1877; lives at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

(8) Ella May Galpin, born January 30, 1882; lives at Lake Wayne, Michigan.

REV. WILLIAM GALPIN

Second child of Freeman Pinckney and Mary E. (Ruthrauff) Galpin, was born in Superior Township, Wayne County, Michigan, February 14, 1859. He graduated from the university of Michigan, class of 1882. He served as Superintendent of Schools, St. Clair, Michigan, from 1882 to 1886. After this he began his life's work, the ministry. He was curate at St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, from 1887 to 1890. Held independent charges as rector of Grace Church, at Ishpeming, Michigan (1890-1893), St. John's, Elkhart, Indiana (1893-1903), at St. Paul's, Muskegon, Michigan (1903-1917). He retired, by reason of ill health, and now lives at 1561 Fifth Street, Muskegon, Michigan. On Christmas day, 1882, at St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, he married Helena Bernice Grisson, born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 20, 1864, the daughter of Doctor Samuel and Esther Griffin (Deuel) Grisson, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, an earnest, public-spirited Christian woman, chairman of the Michigan State Federation of Woman's Clubs, of keen artistic temperament, and devoted wife and mother. Through Esther Griffin (Deuel) Grisson, Helena Bernice and her issue claim direct descent from George I. Soule, of the Mayflower, 1620. Issue:

(1) George Grissom Galpin, born December 20, 1883.

(2) Harris Earp Galpin, born March 24, 1889.

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- (3) William Freeman Galpin, born November 17, 1890.
 - (4) Rachel Galpin, born April 19, 1893.
 - (1) George Grissom Galpin, born December 20, 1883, at St. Clair, Michigan. Married Lillian Newman, who died January 14, 1919. Their children were:
 - (a) Marian Bernice Galpin, born August 28, 1912.
 - (b) Doris Lillian Galpin, born April 18, 1915.
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- (2) Harris Earp Galpin, born March 24, 1889, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, married Louise Margaret Waters (daughter of Edgar and Isabelle Hovey Waters), born December 10, 1890. Their children were:
 - (a) Edgar Waters Galpin, born July 23, 1914.
 - (b) Louise Margaret Waters Galpin, born April 10, 1916.
 - (c) Elizabeth Jane Galpin, born November 5, 1919.
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(3) William Freeman Galpin, born November 17, 1890, Ishpeming, Michigan, married, December 20, 1917, Gladys Anna (daughter of Daniel Bixby of New Haven, Connecticut), born October 12, 1896. They have one daughter, Jeanne Bixby Galpin, born August 11, 1919.

William Freeman Galpin was assistant Professor of History at University of Michigan, until June of 1924, when he accepted the position of Professor of History in the University of Oklahoma, where he now lives. He received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

(4) Rachel Galpin, born April 19, 1895, at Elkhart, Indiana, married, October 6, 1919, Arthur Frederick

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Thompson, son of Arthur Caldwell Thompson, of Helena, Arkansas. A lumber man.

(2) Linius H. Galpin (fifth child of Freeman Pinckney and Mary E. [Ruthruff] Galpin), born April 1, 1869, married April 1, 1891, to Elva McCormick, born April 11, 1870, and they live in Plymouth, Michigan. They own and manage a large fruit farm, near Salem, Michigan. Two children were born to them. Elva McCormick Galpin died July 18, 1922.

(a) Ona Helen Galpin, born September 30, 1895, died August 5, 1899.

(b) Naoma Galpin, born July 14, 1911.

(3) Minnie Marian Galpin (eighth child of Freeman Pinckney and Mary E. [Ruthruff] Galpin), was born March 8, 1877, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and married October 20, 1898, to Frederick H. Judson, born October 14, 1874. Mrs. Judson grew up on her father's farm (located in Superior Township, Washtenau County, Michigan), which was owned by her grandfather Galpin, the farm he settled on when he came from New York, in 1832. Her father, Freeman Pinckney Galpin, lived there from 1832 until his death in 1899, and it was always his wish that this farm might stay in the family for at least one hundred years, so Mr. and Mrs. Judson are keeping up the old farm, in the hope that their son, Nathan, may settle there after finishing school work, which he has done.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson are modern, progressive, splendid people, judging from the fine response I received to my inquiry for family history. Their union was blessed by two children:

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(a) Freeman Galpin Judson, born September 26, 1903, died September 27, 1903.

(b) Nathan Galpin Judson, born September 3, 1905.

(4) *Ella May Galpin* (seventh child of Freeman Pinckney and Mary E [Ruthruff] Galpin), born January 30, 1882, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Married March 31, 1903, to Frederick C. Hasselback, born April 17, 1873. They own and live on a farm in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and are engaged in general farming. To them two children were born:

(a) Marian Susannah Hasselback, born February 18, 1903.

(b) Freeman Galpin Hasselback, born January 24, 1904.

HARRIET RUTHRUFF

(5) Harriet Ruthruff (seventh child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born April 7, 1836, in Seneca County, New York, married to Elnathan Munger, April 10, 1865. Their occupation was farming. Elnathan Munger born February 6, 1838, Alegany County, Michigan, died August 29, 1907, and his wife, Harriet (Ruthruff) Munger died in Benton, Eaton County, Michigan, February 29, 1872, burial at Dixboro, Michigan. Services from text: 1st Corinthians, 15th Chapter, 26th Verse. Their children are as follows:

(a) Ella May Munger, born August 11, 1866. Benton, Michigan.

(b) Mary A. Munger, born September 22, 1869. Unmarried.

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Ella May Munger, married Volney A. Backus, April 14, 1886, in Benton, Eaton County, Michigan. They have one son:

Clare L. Backus, born November 13, 1895, Benton, Eaton County, Michigan. Married Marie M. Lepien, February 22, 1917. Marie M. Lepien born February 6, 1897, in Rubicon, Dodge County, Wisconsin. Occupation farming.

(6) *Edwin Ruthruff* (eighth child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born December 20, 1837, died July 27, 1907, at Bangor, Michigan. Was united in marriage to Eliza Sly of Walled Lake, Michigan, March 8, 1864. They moved to Bangor, Michigan in 1866, and lived there always thereafter, except two years, which were spent in the West. There were no children to this union.

I could secure no record of the following, other than what follows:

Samuel Ruthruff (second son of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born February 4, 1828, died June 6, 1907. Married Delia Fall, supposed to have lived in Kansas.

Chester Ruthruff (ninth child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born December 14, 1839, married Eurena Kellogg. They are supposed to live in Kansas, but I could secure no record of them, although have written to several families of the name in Kansas. No reply. These possibly may have been their descendants.

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Daniel Ruthruff (third child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born February 1, 1829. Disappeared from home when but fourteen years old. Supposed to be living in Detroit, Michigan, under an assumed name.

George Ruthruff (tenth child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born January 30, 1842, died September 23, 1919, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. January 1, 1867, he married Addie Townsend, and to this union one son was born:

Burt Townsend Ruthruff, born October 7, 1873. Married Nellie Blanche Shepherd, of Huron, Ohio, on December 12, 1899. Burt Ruthruff is a dentist, practicing and living in Bucyrus, Ohio. To them one son was born:

Robert Ruthruff, born July 25, 1902.

John W. Ruthruff (eleventh child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), was born February 14, 1845, at Linsboro, Michigan. He was a conductor on Grand Trunk Railroad, and married Katherine Eginston, born in Bloomington, Illinois, June 3, 1852. They lived at one time in Port Huron, Michigan, as both their sons were born there. John W. Ruthruff died March 13, 1893. Their children as follows:

(a) *Chester Eginston Ruthruff*, born at Port Huron, Michigan, November 12, 1872. He was an electrician. Unmarried, and died July 2, 1898.

(b) *John Lee Ruthruff*, born at Port Huron, Michigan, July 21, 1874. Is a plumber by occupation, and lives with his mother, Katherine Eginston Ruthruff in Fern-dale, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, and near Royal Oak, where they receive their mail.

CHAPTER XXXIII

SARAH RUTHRUFF

Sarah Ruthruff (twelfth child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born February 17, 1847, married February 7, 1867, to Ransom Shuart. She died January 7, 1918, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ransom Shuart, born February 21, 1842, died July 10, 1917. They lived in Dixboro, Michigan, all their married years, and to them four children were born:

- (a) George Leslie, born July 14, 1868.
- (b) William Lee, born January 7, 1871.
- (c) Althea May, born September 9, 1873.
- (d) Mary Naoma, born August 14, 1876.

George Leslie Shuart (first child of Samuel and Sarah [Ruthruff] Shuart), born July 14, 1868, married Sarah Beaver of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Their home is in Ypsilanti, and I do not know their occupation. To them one daughter was born:

Hazel Marguerite Shuart, born April 1, 1896. Married January 20th, 1920, to James Fitzpatrick. Live Ypsilanti, Michigan. Their daughter, Jean Ellen, born June 5th, 1923.

William Lee Shuart (second child of Samuel and Sarah [Ruthruff] Shuart), born January 7, 1871. June 2, 1896, was married to Kathryn Jamison, of Detroit, Michigan. Their home is in Detroit, and their children are as follows:

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(a) Kathleen Shuart, born September 17, 1897, died April 14, 1898.

(b) Ransom Samuel Shuart, born June 11, 1899, died March 26, 1923.

(c) Alice Margaret Shuart (twin), born September 21, 1901. Married to William Hunnells, October 11, 1923. Live Detroit, Michigan.

(d) Agnes Althea Shuart (twin), born September 21, 1901.

(e) Kathryn Jamison Shuart, born June 13, 1907.

(f) William Lee Shuart, born July 3, 1913.

Althea May Shuart (third child of Samuel and Sarah [Ruthruff] Shuart, born September 9, 1873, Dixboro, Michigan, married September 9, 1896, to Robert W. Shankland. Their home is in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and to them three children were born, as follows:

(a) Mildred Irene Shankland, born May 27, 1898. Married October 6, 1923, Donald McDonald, and live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

(b) Leah Myrl Shankland, born March 17, 1901.

(c) Rodney Veeder Shankland, born November 12, 1904.

Mary Naoma Shuart (fourth child of Ransom and Sarah [Ruthruff] Shuart), born August 14, 1876. Married February 7, 1901, to Herbert C. Amerman. Their home is in Detroit, Michigan, and to them seven children were born:

(a) Evelin Bernice Amerman, born November 16, 1901, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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(b) Guy Harold Amerman, born January 28, 1903, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

(c) Lois Althea Amerman, born February 1, 1904, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

(d) Raymond Earl Amerman, born May 5, 1905, in Saline, Michigan.

(e) Grace Marian Amerman, born May 14, 1906, in Detroit, Michigan, died September 22, 1906.

(f) Jessie Amerman, born August 12, 1907, in Detroit, Michigan.

(g) Edith Amerman, born December 22, 1909, in Detroit, Michigan, died May 31, 1911.

Emma Althea Ruthruff (thirteenth child of Samuel and Susannah [Frain] Ruthruff), born August 19, 1849, and died May 25, 1921. She married Edwin J. Storms, born April 15, 1848, died June 20, 1911. Married July 22, 1871, and lived in Ann Arbor all her married life until after daughters were married.

Emma Althea lost her mother when she was but a baby, and she lived with and kept house for her father, Samuel Ruthruff, until he died. Children of Edwin and Emma Storms are as follows:

(1) *Sadie Storms*, born October 7, 1874, married Dr. Ernest Sylvester Wright, born October 31, 1867. Sadie and Dr. E. S. Wright were married July 15, 1903 (his second wife). Their home is in Conneaut, Ohio.

And the following sons are of the first wife, though reared by Sadie:

(a) Carrol Spaulding Wright, M.D., born December 27, 1895, at Freeport, Michigan. Graduate Michigan

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University, B.S., in 1917, and M.D., in 1919. Married June, 1923, Miss Helen Shaw. Their home, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A skin specialist.

(b) Gary E. Wright, born June 5, 1898, at Freeport, Michigan. Received degree of D.D.S. from University of Michigan, 1920. Oral Surgeon, Toledo, Ohio.

(c) Johnson Kent Wright, born December 25, 1900, at Freeport, Michigan. Received degree of D.D.S., from Michigan University, 1921. Married September 15, 1923, Miss Mary G. Santo, of Travers City, Michigan. They have one son, J. Kent, Jr., born September 8, 1924.

(2) *Bessie Storms* (second daughter of Emma Althea Ruthruff and Edwin J. Storms), born March 15, 1877, married Judd H. Mathews, born January 25, 1876. Their home is in Blue Island, Illinois, and Mr. Mathews is a prominent lawyer of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Storms spent her last days with her daughter, in Blue Island, Illinois, where she died May 22, 1921. Both Edwin and Althea Storms were buried in Conneaut, Ohio. Bessie and Judd H. Mathews have one son:

Edwin E. Mathews, born September 30, 1908, Blue Island, Illinois.

This ends the record of the family of Samuel and Susannah (Frain) Ruthruff.

CHAPTER XXXIV

HANNAH RUTHRUFF

Hannah Ruthruff (sixth child of Henry and Mary M. [Reninger] Ruthruff), of White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, was born October 5, 1808. She was married March 27, 1836, to George B. Mathews, of Seneca Falls, New York. I have not learned his occupation. They were the parents of nine children, two daughters and seven sons. All of the sons were in the "Civil War," except the youngest, Vincent. The children were as follows:

(1) *Milton Mathews*, born ——— 17, 1837, lived in Bell, Missouri, and married Elizabeth Parker, October 1, 1862, who died April, 1898, at Seneca Falls, New York.

(2) *Martin B. Mathews*, born March 25, 1838, died August 10, 1882, at Washington, D. C. Married January 15, 1871, Virginia Taylor, who died in 1884 at Washington, D. C.

(3) *Hiram E. Mathews*, born October 11, 1839, at Lake Canoga, New York. Married July 2, 1863, Jennie Jones of Springport, New York.

(4) *Carlton B. Mathews*, born December 21, 1840, at Lake Auburn, New York. Married January 3, 1864, Hannah Bocker, who died May 18, 1909.

(5) *Emma V. Mathews*, born February 25, 1842, at Lake Canoga, New York. Married November 27, 1859, to Henry S. Ruthruff, born October 10, 1836, at Lake Canoga, New York.

(6) *George L. Mathews, Jr.*, born August 17, 1843, died April 2, 1865. Killed in the battle of "Hatcher's Run" in the "Civil War." He was not married.

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(7) *Mary C. Mathews*, born March 2, 1845, died September 12, 1888, at Lake Canoga, New York. Married November 7, 1869, to William Blakeney.

(8) *William H. Mathews*, born December 10, 1847, died March 18, 1864. He was not married, and died during the "Civil War," in a hospital at Yorktown, Virginia, of typhoid fever.

(9) *Vincent Ruthruff Mathews*, born September 2, 1849, died February 23, 1902. Married March 13, 1871, to Margaret Spaid. They had no children, and lived at Lake Canoga, New York.

Children of Milton and Elizabeth (Parker) Mathews (first child of Hannah [Ruthruff] and George L. Mathews, Sr.).

(a) *Effie Mathews*, who married Mr. James, and their home is in St. Louis, Missouri.

(b) *Carrie Mathews*, who married Mr. Myers, and their home is in San Antonio, Texas.

Martin B. Mathews (fourth child of George B. and Hannah [Ruthruff] Mathews), was born March 25, 1838, and died August 10, 1882, at Washington, D. C. Married in Washington, D. C., January 15, 1871, to Virginia Taylor, who died in 1884. I have no record of this family other than that they were the parents of six children, which are as follows:

- (a) Leroy Mathews, born in Washington, D. C.
- (b) Effie Mathews, born in Washington, D. C.
- (c) George Mathews, born in Washington, D. C.
- (d) Bertha Mathews, born in Washington, D. C.
- (e) Arvilla Mathews, born in Washington, D. C.
- (f) Ruby Mathews, born in Washington, D. C.

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Hiram Mathews (third child of George B. and Hannah [Ruthruff] Mathews, Sr.), was born October 11, 1839. He married Jennie Jones of Springport, New York. Their children are as follows:

(a) Etta Mathews, born in Brooklyn, New York. Married Mr. Jennings, of Brooklyn, New York.

(b) George Mathews, who died January 23, 1907.

Emma V. Mathews (fifth child of George B. and Hannah [Ruthruff] Mathews), born February 25, 1842. Married November 27, 1859, to Henry S. Ruthruff, of Seneca Falls, New York. They were the parents of six children, only one of whom is living:

Addie E. Ruthruff, who lived in Seneca Falls, New York, and married a Mr. Page.

Mary C. Mathews (seventh child of George B. and Hannah [Ruthruff] Mathews), was born March 2, 1845, died September 12, 1888, Congo, New York. Married William Blakeney, November 7, 1869, at Congo, New York. Their children are as follows:

(a) Florence Blakeney died June 23, 1907, Chicago, Illinois.

(b) Stella Blakeney, who married Mr. Pitts, Chicago, Illinois.

(c) George Blakeney, Washington, D. C.

(d) William Blakeney, Syracuse, New York.

(e) Anna Blakeney, who married Mr. Thorp, Seneca Falls, New York.

(f) Bessie Blakeney, who married Mr. Fisher, Seneca Falls, New York.

(g) Claud Blakeney, Seneca Falls, New York.

(h) Lula Blakeney, who married Mr. Pratt, Seneca Falls, New York.

(i) Bertrand Blakeney, Canadaugua, New York.

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DANIEL SHEETS RUTHRUFF

Daniel Sheets Ruthruff (seventh child of Henry and Mary M. [Renenger] Ruthruff), born May 30, 1813, died November 3, 1876. November 21, 1839, he married Judith Ann High, born January 6, 1815, and died November 21, 1902. They were married in White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, where he probably began his married life, as he built the barn in 1848 on the farm his father, Henry Ruthruff, owned. Henry Ruthruff (his father) built the house, when he moved to White Deer Township, but built only a log barn, which was in use up to the time 1840, when the son took charge. He was a carpenter, by trade, and later made his home in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, where his remaining children now live. He was a man of high integrity, great dignity and high ideals, greatly preferring mental to manual labor. Proud of his Franco-German ancestry or French blood, and firm in his belief in his noble birth. They have the appearance of the French more than the German, as they are dark in complexion and small or of medium stature. They were blessed with nine children, which are as follows:

(a) William Henry Ruthruff, born November 13, 1840, died February 12, 1842, at White Deer Township, Union County, Pennsylvania.

(b) Mary Catherine Ruthruff, born February 7, 1843, died September 9, 1899.

(c) An infant son, born October 16, 1844, died October 18, 1844.

(d) Samuel High Ruthruff, born October 12, 1845, died May 5, 1923.

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(e) David Lafayette Ruthruff, born June 7, 1848, died March 3, 1852, at New Columbia, Union County, Pennsylvania.

(f) An infant daughter, born July 20, 1855, died July 20, 1855.

(g) Ann Ruthruff, born August 9, 1850, died July 16, 1886, near Danville, Pennsylvania.

(h) Daniel Renenger Ruthruff, born July 3, 1857.

(i) Didama Patt Ruthruff, born July 3, 1857.

Mary Catherine Ruthruff (second child of Daniel S. and Judith Ann [High] Ruthruff) was born February 7, 1843. Married April 23, 1876, to Joseph P. Nicklin, born in Rappahannock County, Virginia, September 18, 1846; died May 30, 1889. Their home was in Danville, Pennsylvania, and they had no children.

Samuel High Ruthruff (fourth child of Daniel Sheetz and Judith Ann [High] Ruthruff), born in Union County, Pennsylvania, on Little Buffalo Creek, October 12, 1845. He was reared in the old family homestead, and received his education in the country schools of the locality, and was trained to carpentry from early boyhood. When 20 years of age he began as journeyman carpenter in the oil regions of Vanago County, Pennsylvania, coming to Sunbury, Pennsylvania, in 1882 as foreman for George Keefer, contractor, working all over the state until 1894, when he began taking contracts in his own name, and working principally in Sunbury, directing the construction of many important buildings, among them two United Evangelical Churches, St.

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Mathews Catholic Church and rectory (now Beth-El-Temple), the A. W. Pontius store, now occupied by the Palace of Sweets, and office building on Market Street; residences of two members of the firm of Blank & Gotchall on Front Street, two of the leading school buildings, Lloyd T. Rohnbach Building, 1900, and the Francis E. Drumheller Building, 1910; Nullner Building on Market Street, and the new ward to the Mary Packer Hospital, now in course of construction, and practically completed. As he had done all the construction in the beginning when the hospital was remodeled from the old Purdy Mansion, and as it was located across the street from his home, he wanted to finish it as a monument of his own labor of upwards of 41 years of useful service to the community—building during that time more than 400 structures. He had a most successful career, and his prosperity was mainly due to his honorable methods and creditable business transactions, gaining for him the confidence and respect of all who knew him, a fine, upright, honorable, kindly natured and reliable man, one of Sunbury's most substantial citizens. On December 23, 1875, he married Miss Lydia T. Hummer (daughter of Joseph Hummer), born March 13, 1853, and died January 31, 1915. There were no children to this union. Mr. Ruthruff was a member of Sunbury Lodge 620, I. O. O. F., and St. John's M. E. Church. He died May 5, 1923, of uraemic poison, following an attack of pneumonia, in his 78th year. A man of strong personality, and into every structure he built the best he knew how.

Ann Ruthruff (sixth child of Daniel Sheetz and Judith Ann [High] Ruthruff), born August 9, 1855, at New Columbia, Pennsylvania; died July, 1886. She married

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John Wesley Hummer, August 10, 1871, in Danville, Manton County, Pennsylvania, born December 31, 1845, Point Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; died January 7, 1908, Gearhart Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Five children came to bless their home, which are as follows:

(1) *Mathias Lafayette Hummer*, born in Danville, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1872. Married August 16, 1906, in Danville, Pennsylvania, Cora E. Hendrick, born August 17, 1883, in Gearhart Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. To them one son was born:

(a) Ralph Wesley Hummer, born November 17, 1909, Gearhart Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

(2) *Dora Alice Hummer* (second child of John Wesley and Ann [Ruthruff] Hummer), born July 29, 1875, Gearhart Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Was married in 1895 to William Allison Stine, born April 13, 1869, in Girard Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. To them were born six children, as follows:

(a) Miles Chester Stine, born May 3, 1896; died December 13, 1897, Bellfount, Pennsylvania.

(b) Susan Ellen Stine, born July 19, 1897; died February 15, 1901, Bellfount, Pennsylvania.

(c) Charles Theodore Stine, born November 8, 1904, Oceola Mills, Pennsylvania.

(d) Dora Isabelle Stine, born October 25, 1906, Bellfount, Pennsylvania.

(e) Clarence Alison Stine, born May 31, 1909, Bellfount, Pennsylvania.

(f) May Pauline Stine, born May 15, 1912.

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(3) *Mary Abigail Hummer* (third child of John Wesley and Ann [Ruthruff] Hummer), born January 25, 1880, Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Married Wilson Shultz, born March 28, 1884. To them two children were born, as follows:

(a) Anna Irene Shultz, born February 14, 1900, Danville, Pennsylvania. Married in 1915 to Frank Pugh. No children.

(b) Stella Alice Shultz, born May 5, 1908, Danville, Pennsylvania.

(4) *Morris Joseph Hummer* (fourth child of John Wesley and Ann [Ruthruff] Hummer), born August 21, 1883, Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

(5) *Virginia Blanche Hummer* (fifth child of John Wesley and Ann [Ruthruff] Hummer), born May 15, 1885; was married November 11, 1911, to Thomas Aron Packer, born December 31, 188—, in Axman, Pennsylvania. Their issue was two children:

(a) Ralph Harold Packer, born May 3, 1912, Pleasant Gap, Center County, Pennsylvania.

(b) Ruth Isabel Packer, born June 28, 1914, Pleasant Gap, Center County, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Renenger Ruthruff (eighth child of Daniel Sheetz and Judith Ann [High] Ruthruff), born July 3, 1857, New Columbia, Pennsylvania. Married July 9, 1885, Sarah Duek, born September 7, 1868, Snider County, Pennsylvania. Their home was in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, where his health failed and where he is being tenderly cared for in a sanitarium. To them two children were born:

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(a) Ralph Eustash Ruthruff, born February 23, 1887; died April 8, 1888.

(b) Ivy Blanch Ruthruff, born Sunbury, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1889. She is a musician of high order, and also a bookkeeper for an auto firm, which handles the Cadillac and Dodge cars. She, with her mother, lives in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Didama Patt Ruthruff (ninth child of Daniel Sheetz and Judith Ann [High] Ruthruff), born July 3, 1857, in New Columbia, Pennsylvania, and twin sister of Daniel Renenger Ruthruff, lives in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, with her brother, Samuel Ruthruff. A busy, energetic, wide-awake woman, to whom I am indebted for all of the history of her grandfather's (Henry Ruthruff) branch of the family. She is a great lover of all that is beautiful in life: books, flowers and music, and takes great interest and pleasure in the musical attainments of her niece, Iva B. Ruthruff.

Of the family of Solomon Ruthruff, who married Lydia Millhouse, I have been unable to secure records, and this ends the record of the descendants of Henry and Mary Magdalene Renenger Ruthruff.

CHAPTER XXXVI

JONAS ROTROFF

Jonas Rotroff, born about 1762, son, undoubtedly, of Johannes and Anna Barbara (Hoffman) Ruthrauff, or Rudraff, who came to this country 1753. Two of the sons of Johannes removed to Botatourt County, Virginia. From Virginia, Jonas removed, in 1806, to Ohio, and settled near Chillicothe, Ohio, and lived there two years, and in 1808 removed to Sugar Tree Ridge and bought a large tract of land from the government, paid \$1.25 an acre for it, and built the first house ever built in Sugar Tree Ridge. The land was all timber. They were farmers, and they had to clear the land before they could put out a crop. Sugar Tree Ridge is built on part of this land.

Jonas Rotroff was married, date and place unknown, to Mary Haines, and to them four children were born, as follows:

(1) Jacob Rotroff, born July 12, 1800; died May 26, 1875. Married Jemima Shaw in 1825.

(2) John Rotroff, born July 29, 1803. No date of his death.

(3) Mary Rotroff, born September 8, 1807; died August 16, 1877. Married Samuel C. Spears.

(4) The second daughter of Jonas and Mary (Haines) Rotroff, married Henry Nace, but they have no record or knowledge of their ancestors, and no record of their own births, deaths or marriages. Perhaps there may be some member of the family who could give us data, but I have not found them, and we will throw the cloak of

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the hardships of early pioneer days about them, for these were hard and strenuous times.

Later I find Henry and Miss Rotroff Nace were the parents of four children:

- (1) John Nace.
- (2) Abraham Nace.
- (3) Henry Nace.
- (4) Dave Nace. (No dates.)

CHAPTER XXXVII

JACOB ROTROFF

Son of Jonas and Mary Haines Rotroff, born July 12, 1800; died May 26, 1875. As his father came to Ohio in 1806, Jacob was probably born in Virginia, though there is a difference of opinion as to this, and settled with his father, Jonas, in Chillicothe, and later, 1808, Sugar Tree Ridge, where he grew up. They were weavers and tillers of the soil, as most of the early settlers were in their day. In the year 1825 he married Jemima Shaw, born February 25, 1802; died December 18, 1892; and to their union were eight children born, four boys and four girls, as follows:

(1) Jonas Rotroff, Jr., born April 28, 1826; died March 19, 1912.

(2) James Rotroff, born May 23, 1828; died November 25, 1906.

(3) John Rotroff. No dates.

(4) Allen F. Rotroff, born February 26, 1833; died July 16, 1920.

(5) Armanda Rotroff, born May 23, 1835.

(6) Mary Catherine Rotroff. No dates.

(7) Julia Ann Rotroff, born August 16, 1842; died September 29, 1895.

(8) Nancy Rotroff, born July 7, 1829; died December 9, 1829.

JONAS ROTROFF, JR.

Jonas Rotroff, Jr., son of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, born Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, April 28, 1826; died March 19, 1912. He united with the church at

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Miller's Chapel, at an early age, one of its charter members, and remained with that church until 1896, when, for convenience, he transferred his membership to Bethel, where he remained until his death. He was active in church and Sunday School work, having been Superintendent many years, until the infirmities of old age compelled him to partly cease active work, but, as he said often, his heart was in the work. Thus he passed away, leaving many friends and loved ones to mourn the loss of this good man, gathered like a ripe shock of grain, to the eternal life. Early in life he learned the carpenter trade, and many buildings are still standing as silent monuments to his memory. He always took an active part in conversation, being fearless in speech. He lived a life full of faith and good deeds, and was ready when the call came. Jonas Rotroff was united in marriage to Malinda Taylor, February 20, 1850, and to this union four children were born, one son and three daughters, as follows:

(1) David Rotroff, born December 8, 1850. Lives in Wellington, Colorado.

(2) Rebecca Rotroff, born January 24, 1854.

(3) Jemima Rotroff, born October 9, 1856.

(4) Sarah Rotroff, born December 28, 1858.

At this time, 1924, all three daughters are dead and I have no record of their deaths. Malinda (Taylor) Rotroff, first wife of Jonas, Jr., died in 1865, and Jonas Rotroff married Macy J. Storer, March 11, 1866, who survives him. To this union two daughters were born, as follows:

(1) Martha M. Rotroff, born November 23, 1867.

(2) Mary C. Rotroff, born January 30, 1873.

Both are living in Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio.

DAVID ROTROFF

Son of Jonas and Melinda (Taylor) Rotroff, born December 8, 1850, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, is a carpenter by trade, as his father was. His home is in Wellington, Colorado. April, 1875, he married Hannah E. Nicely, born April 28, 1857, who died Sunday, November 2, 1924, and to them six children were born, as follows:

(1) Anna M. Rotroff, born June 17, 1876. Married Adam Summers.

(2) Esta Monie Rotroff, born September 30, 1878.

(3) Thurman Edward Rotroff, born July 14, 1881. Married Bertha Wineland, born December 31, 1880, daughter of Charles Wineland.

(4) Jennie Lenora Rotroff, born February 27, 1884.

(5) Jessie D. Rotroff, born August 3, 1886. Married July 20, 1904, Charles Newell, first, and later married Ed Sorensberry.

(6) Alto Rotroff, single, born August 9, 1895.

Of this family I have only the record of Thurman Edward, son of David and Hannah (Nicely) Rotroff, born July 14, 1881, a carpenter by trade, whose home is in Kansas City, Missouri, and who married, November 29, 1905, Bertha Wineland, born December 31, 1880, daughter of Charles Wineland. To this union one son was born, Thurman Edward, Jr., born May 30, 1909, a high school student and a promising saxophonist, as the following letter or testimonial from Prof. Arturo Corti will attest:

"This will introduce Mr. T. E. Rotroff, whom I recommend as a most satisfactory and accomplished saxo-

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phonist, for either band or orchestra. I have had the pleasure of hearing him play and judging his worth."

(Signed) ARTURO CORTI.

Kansas City, Mo., May 26, 1924.

REBECCA ROTROFF

Daughter of Jonas and Melinda (Taylor) Rotroff, born January 24, 1854, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio. Was married January 7, 1875, to James Jackman, a carpenter by trade. To this union three children were born:

(1) Emma Jackman, unmarried.

(2) Perry Jackman. Married, no record, Portsmouth, Ohio.

(3) Charles Jackman. Married, no record, Portsmouth, Ohio.

All three work in the shoe factory of Portsmouth, Ohio.

JEMIMA ROTROFF

Daughter of Jonas and Melinda (Taylor) Rotroff. Married, date unknown, a farmer by the name of John Foster. She died October, 1892, and I have no further record of her or her family, or of her sister Sarah, fourth daughter of Jonas and Melinda (Taylor) Rotroff, born December 28, 1858.

MARTHA M. ROTROFF

Martha M. Rotroff, daughter of Jonas and Macy J. (Storer) Rotroff, born November 23, 1867, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, and still living there. January 19, 1888,

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she was married to Mr. Ira M. Shriver, a prominent farmer, of Concord County, Ohio. He was a son of John and Nancy Shriver, and was born near Calvary, Adams County, Ohio, September 12, 1862. He was a member of Sugar Tree Ridge M. E. Church many years, a quiet, unassuming man of unexcelled devotion to his family. Those who knew him and came to him, found a true, loyal and sympathetic friend, of whom it can truly be said, "He built his house by the wayside and was a friend to man." On the afternoon of February 15, 1924, he passed away suddenly (in the woods on the farm of O. G. Cochran, where he had gone for a load of wood) of heart trouble of years' standing, and was found later by the side of the wagon by neighbors in search of him, attracted by the neighing of his horses. To the union of Ira and Martha (Rotroff) Shriver were born ten children, as follows:

(1) Mary E. Shriver, born April 4, 1889. Married Charles Hedrick. Two children.

(2) James F. Shriver, born May 10, 1892. Married Ona Bohl. Two children.

(3) Henry Earl Shriver, born September 16, 1894. Married Ruth Edenfield. One child.

(4) Ethel B. Shriver, born November 2, 1896. Married Clement Guymon. One child.

(5) Lucy Lee Shriver, born July 18, 1899; died December 22, 1915.

(6) Harry E. Shriver, born September 11, 1901. Married Lucy Igo.

(7) John E. Shriver, born July 17, 1903.

(8) Irene Shriver, born November 21, 1905.

(9) Macy J. Shriver, born April 5, 1908.

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(10) An infant daughter, born April 15, 1910, who died April 24, 1910.

A fine family, who, with his dear wife, are left grief-stricken at the loss of one so dear to them.

MARY C. ROTROFF

Daughter of Jonas and Macy J. (Storer) Rotroff, born (no date) Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio. Was married March 26, 1893, to Charles T. Shaw, a farmer. I have no further data except a fine family of ten children, as follows:

(1) Elmer Newton Shaw, born May 13, 1895; died March 3, 1914.

(2) Nina Lucile Shaw, born March 12, 1897. Married Cloise Thompson, February 1, 1921.

(3) Russell Lewis Shaw, born April 16, 1900. Married Lillian Steen, December 3, 1920.

(4) Sarah Marguerite Shaw, born January 2, 1902.

(5) Hazel Jane Shaw, born February 14, 1904.

(6) Martha Geneva Shaw, born March 26, 1906.

(7) Robert McRight Shaw, born August 18, 1908.

(8) Lulu Rebecca Shaw, born September 6, 1910.

(9) Donald Martin Shaw, born May 3, 1913.

(10) Wendell Leroy Shaw, born —, 1915.

JAMES ROTROFF

Son of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, born Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, May 23, 1828. Was a carpenter by trade. December 17, 1856, he married Sarah F. Hunter, and to them three children were born, Porter, Lewis, and Alice.

(1) Porter Rotroff, born March 20, 1860. A carpenter by trade. November 12, 1880, married Rebecca Redman, and to this union five children were born, as follows:

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(1) Cary O. Rotroff, born June 8, 1882; died September 25, 1923. Married and had one son, Vergil Rotroff, born March 25, 1912.

(2) Laura Rotroff, born March 29, 1884. No further data.

(3) James Rotroff, born December 30, 1886.

(4) Bertha Rotroff, born September 27, 1889. No record.

(5) Park Rotroff, born September 7, 1892.

JAMES ROTROFF

Son of Porter and Rebecca (Redman) Rotroff. Was married, name of wife unknown, and he had one son, Otis Rotroff, born November 14, 1914.

Park Rotroff, son of Porter and Rebecca (Redman) Rotroff, was married, wife unknown. He has two sons:

(1) Chester Rotroff, born January 13, 1913.

(2) Junior Rotroff, born January 27, 1922.

LEWIS ROTROFF

Son of James and Sarah F. (Hunter) Rotroff, born April 9, 1864; died August 5, 1919. He was a traveling salesman. January 15, 1894, he married Ida D. Roush. To this union three children were born, as follows:

(1) Fred Rotroff, born April 14, 1896.

(2) Helen Rotroff, born May 27, 1899.

(3) John Rotroff, born November 11, 1900.

ALICE ROTROFF

Daughter of James and Sarah F. (Hunter) Rotroff, born May 11, 1867; died June 2, 1888. Was married September 10, 1887, to John Harner. No further data of this family.

CHAPTER XXXVIII

JOHN ROTROFF

Son of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, born December 9, 1830; died March 9, 1904, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio. Came West at the close of the Civil War, settled near Kansas City, Missouri. In 1883 he moved to Dempsel, now Geneseo, Kansas. John Rotroff was a farmer, and his first wife was Polly Ann Edgington, daughter of Brice Edgington. There were three children to this union, as follows:

(1) Margaret Rotroff. Married, first husband, Johnson; one son, John Johnson. Second husband, Duff.

(2) Callie Rotroff. Married Mr. Williams.

(3) Allen Rotroff. Married (no date). All of Geneseo, Kansas.

Mrs. Polly Ann Edgington Rotroff died, and John married a second wife, Nancy or Elizabeth Lyle, daughter of Finley Lyle, and to them one son, Charles Rotroff, was born, Nancy Lyle surviving the birth of her son only several weeks.

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CHARLES ROTROFF

Son of John and Nancy E. (Lyle) Rotroff, born (no date). His home is Geneseo, Kansas. September 18, 1889, he married Ada Sherman, and to them nine children were born, as follows, but no dates:

- (1) Floyd Rotroff.
- (2) John S. Rotroff.
- (3) Dewitt T. Rotroff.
- (4) Charles I. Rotroff.
- (5) Cora Rotroff.
- (6) Loto Rotroff.
- (7) Ada Rotroff.
- (8) Goldie P. Rotroff.
- (9) Nellie Rotroff.

CHAPTER XL

ALLEN ROTROFF

Son of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, born February 26, 1833; died July 16, 1920. Was a farmer. May 23, 1865, he married Nancy J. Stockwell. To this union three children were born, as follows

- (1) William Curtis Rotroff, born March 19, 1866.
- (2) Armintis K. Rotroff, born September 6, 1871.
- (3) Salee M. Rotroff, born July 2, 1879. Life insurance agent.

CHAPTER XLI

WILLIAM CURTIS ROTROFF

Son of Allen and Nancy J. (Stockwell) Rotroff, born March 19, 1866; died June 12, 1925. Is an up-to-date farmer and a man who stands for the highest and best in life. A man who is proud of the fact that two of his sons are ministers, and we are proud for him. To his kindness and co-operation I owe the record of the line of Jonas Rotroff, Sr. Though the spelling of the name has been changed from Rudraff to Rotroff, they are descendants of our common great ancestor Johannes, who immigrated to this country in 1753. William Curtis Rotroff married May 6, 1888, Sarah E. Mowery, and to this union there were six children, two sons and four daughters, as follows:

- (1) Charles T. Rotroff, born January 30, 1889.
- (2) Minnie A. Rotroff, born May 30, 1891.
- (3) Jerry Allen Rotroff, (4) Nancy Ellen Rotroff, twins, born April 4, 1894.
- (5) Laura M. Rotroff, born January 11, 1897.
- (6) Nellie C. Rotroff, born March 2, 1901.

CHARLES T. ROTROFF

Son of William Curtis and Sarah E. (Mowery) Rotroff, born January 30, 1889, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio. A Methodist preacher. Married August 7, 1910, Elizabeth Smith, and to them three children were born:

- (1) Donald A. Rotroff, born September 29, 1911.
- (2) Alma C. Rotroff, born February 9, 1913.
- (3) Violet L. Rotroff, born December 12, 1920.



William Curtis Rotroff. Rev. Charles J. Rotroff. Rev. Jerry A. Rotroff.

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Minnie A. Rotroff, daughter of William Curtis and Sarah E. (Mowery) Rotroff, born Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, May 30, 1891. Was married January 4, 1911, to Elmer Emery, a farmer, and they have one son, Harry G. Emery, born February 19, 1915.

Nellie C. Rotroff, daughter of William Curtis and Sarah E. (Mowery) Rotroff, born March 2, 1901. Was married August 6, 1919, to Volney Gregory, a farmer, and they have one son, Victor V. Gregory, born December 22, 1920.

JERRY A. ROTROFF

Son of William Curtis and Sarah E. (Mowery) Rotroff, born April 4, 1894, farmer, and Dunkard preacher. October 28, 1913, married Arma Landess. Their issue was two children, a son and a daughter:

- (1) Ester L. Rotroff, born October 23, 1914.
 - (2) William L. Rotroff, born July 12, 1916.
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Nancy E. Rotroff, daughter of William Curtis and Sarah E. (Mowery) Rotroff, and twin sister of Jerry Allen Rotroff, born April 4, 1894. Was married December 31, 1911, to Charles Shaw, a farmer, and to them two children were born:

- (1) Cordelia E. Shaw, born June 2, 1913.
 - (2) Charles L. Shaw, born June 2, 1914.
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Laura May Rotroff, daughter of William Curtis and Sarah E. (Mowery) Rotroff, born January 11, 1897. Was married July 22, 1916, to Elwood Dixon, a machinist. Their issue was two children.

- (1) Wilbur L. Dixon, born April 6, 1917.
- (2) Sarah E. Dixon, born May 17, 1918.

CHAPTER XLII

ARMINTIS KING ROTROFF

Son of Allen and Nancy J. (Stockwell) Rotroff, born September 6, 1871, a merchant. He married (date unknown) Bertha L. Saunders, and to them two children were born, a son and a daughter:

(1) Nellie May Rotroff, born January 2, 1900.

(2) E. Floyd Rotroff, born August 5, 1903.

Bertha L. Saunders Rotroff died of tubercular trouble, and Armintis King Rotroff married a second wife, Miss Olive Jane Ames, born November 7, 1908. There were no children to this marriage.

SALEE M. ROTROFF

Son of Allen and Nancy J. (Stockwell) Rotroff, born July 2, 1879. I think they lived about Sugar Tree Ridge. Salee M. Rotroff was married twice. First wife was Lecta Martin. They had one daughter, Irene Rotroff, born December 22, 1901, who married Lewis Lavine, and then separated, and he married a second time, a German Catholic girl, Miss Oceola Cook, and moved to California, where he died March 6, 1924, of tuberculosis, and was taken home to Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, for burial.

CHAPTER XLIII

ARMANDA ROTROFF

Daughter of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, born May 23, 1835, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio; died May 15, 1899. January 13, 1859, she married Richard L. Fling, who died in March, 1906. To this union three children were born, as follows. All three are school teachers:

(1) Jacob A. Fling, born February 26, 1860. Carpenter and school teacher. Married Louella Easter. They have one daughter, Maud Fling.

(2) Icy Ura Fling, born October 22, 1862; died March 28, 1894.

(3) Charles Carter Fling, born October 2, 1863. Have no further record of them.

MARY CATHERINE ROTROFF

Daughter of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, of Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, born October 22, 1836; died February 25, 1922. May 23, 1865, she was married to John Miller, called "Jack," a farmer, and I think they live in Caldwell or Geneseo, Kansas. To this union three children were born, as follows:

(1) Belle Miller.

(2) John Miller.

(3) Mary Jane Miller.

JULIA ANN ROTROFF

Daughter of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff, born August 16, 1842; died September 29, 1895. October 21, 1863, she was married to Milton Burnett, a stock trader,

and they have eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows:

- (1) William A. Burnett, born July 5, 1864.
- (2) John Burnett, born July 15, 1872.
- (3) Peter Burnett, born February 25, 1876.
- (4) Edward Burnett, died in infancy.
- (5) Mahala J. Burnett, born August 15, 1866.
- (6) Macy Jane Burnett, born November 5, 1870.
- (7) Sarah Burnett, born February 16, 1874.
- (8) Lolie Burnett, born January 16, 1885.

WILLIAM BURNETT

Son of Milton and Julia Ann (Rotroff) Burnett, born July 5, 1864. Was a weaver by trade, and married April 14, 1891, Cora Store. Their issue was five children:

- (1) Ogle Burnett, born May 30, 1895.
- (2) Ray Burnett, born November 23, 1896.

Three of their children died in infancy.

This ends the posterity of Jacob and Jemima (Shaw) Rotroff.

CHAPTER XLIV

JOHN ROTROFF, SR.

Son of Jonas and Mary (Haines) Rotroff, born July 29, 1803. The old German Bible was lost and a very incomplete record obtained. Will, however, do the best we can. He married Nancy Naylor (no date) and to them ten children were born, five sons and five daughters, as follows:

(1) Catherine Rotroff (no date). In 1867 she married James Duncan.

(2) Ethalinda Rotroff, born January 14, 1831, died March 29, 1915. Married to Charles Carr in 1866. Their issue is:

(a) Storley Carr, living.

(b) Beecher Carr (no date).

(3) *William Rotroff, Jr.*, born January 27, 1833. A farmer. Married Mildred Ennis. They had one son:

(a) John M. Rotroff, Jr., merchant, born March 6, 18—. Married Miss Ernestine Carr. No children. She died and he married a second wife, Miss Catherine Jones.

(4) *Hannah Rotroff*, daughter of John, Sr. and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, born July 11, 1843. September 28, 1865, she was married to Ethan A. Walker, a farmer and soldier of the Civil War 1861. To this union there were ten children, two sons and eight daughters:

(a) Colfax Walker, married Rosa Bridge.

(b) John N. Walker, died (no dates).

(c) Eva Walker, married John Long.

(d) Mollie Walker, married Frank Dickey.

(e) Myrta Walker, married George Baker.

(f) Malinda Walker, married Mr. Yorger.

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- (g) Elsie Walker, married Ora West.
- (h) Maggie Walker, married John Eyler.
- (i) Anna Walker, married Ralph Hollingsworth.
- (j) Ida Walker, married Harley McCoy.

(5) Sarah Rotroff, daughter of John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, born October 28, 1845, and was married to John Huff, a farmer, and soldier of the Civil War 1861.

(6) David N. Rotroff, or "Dock" as he was called, son of John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, born April 5, 1850. Married Susanna Vannoy. (No data.)

(7) Nancy Rotroff, daughter of John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, born January 10, 1848. Married Elwood Carr, a farmer.

(8) Thomas Henry Rotroff, son of John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, born February 25, 1841.

(9) Jacob Rotroff, son of John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, born April 16, 1832, died October 5, 1853.

(10) Jonas H. Rotroff, son of John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, died in a hospital at Point Pleasant, Virginia, December 16, 1862. A soldier of the Civil War.

This ends the record of John Rotroff, Sr., and his wife Nancy Naylor.

I learn from A. K. Rotroff of Georgetown, Ohio, that Johannes Rudraff and three of his sons were killed in the Revolutionary War. I have only been able to find that Jonas was in the war and he was not killed. From H. H. Shenk, archivist of the State Library of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, I have the following: "Jonas Rutrauf was a private, October 16, 1780, in Captain Long's Company of York County Militia."

CHAPTER XLV

MARY ROTROFF

"Aunt Polly," as she was called, by all who knew and loved her, daughter of Jonas, Sr., and Mary (Haines) Rotroff, born Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio, September 18, 1808; died August 16, 1877, aged sixty-nine years, eight months and twenty-eight days. Record taken from her gravestone, in an old cemetery, near Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio. A woman of exceptionally fine character and influence.

She was married to Samuel Spears, date unknown, and to them were born sixteen children, ten dying in infancy and six grown to maturity, four sons and two daughters, as follows:

- (1) Jonas Spears (not living).
- (2) Zeff Spears (not living).
- (3) Samuel Clinton Spears. Died July 16, 1920.
- (4) Jacob Spears (not living), married Sarah Store.
- (5) Ebbie Spears, married John Taylor, son of David Taylor. Both are dead.
- (6) Nancy Spears, married James Carlisle, who died early in 1924. She is living and is a great, enthusiastic worker in the Methodist Church.

CHAPTER XLVI

RUTHRAUFFS

The following lines lack one or two generations of connecting up with Johannes Ruthrauff's descendants.

It is a pretty well established fact, that all Ruthrauffs in America, unless otherwise specified, are descended from this pioneer of the family, who landed here in 1753 and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. The wanderlust that brought our forefather to this country, carried his descendants far and wide, in the States. However, as they are Ruthrauffs, they are given a place in this "history" and thereby, later, may be able to trace themselves back to our Johannes Rudrauff I.

CHAPTER XLVII

JONAS RUTHRAUFF

If the dates of birth and marriage, given me by Mr. Harry Ruthrauff, of Decatur, Illinois, are correct, they lack one generation of connecting with Johannes Rudrauff, and Jonas Ruthrauff, born 1788 or 1789, must have been a grandson of Johannes Rudrauff. Jonas was born near Worliss Mills, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. No authentic date of his birth or death, but February 4, 1809, he married Katherine Hussong, who came to this country, from Germany, with her parents, when she was six weeks old. To this union were born eleven children, some say thirteen, as follows:

(1) George Ruthrauff, born March 2, 1811, married Ellen (called Nellie) Appenzeller.

(2) John Ruthrauff, born July 7, 1812, married Margaret E. Ensminger.

(3) Peter South Ruthrauff, born July 25, 1820, married Mary Elizabeth Houser.

(4) William Ruthrauff, born August 23, 1822, married Elizabeth Pensinger.

(5) David Porter Ruthrauff, born —, married Mary E. Wunderlich.

(6) Catherine Ruthrauff, born 1818, married John Frye.

(7) Eleanor Ruthrauff, married John, or Jack Miller.

(8) Mary Ruthrauff, born March 3, 1826, married Jacob Frye.

(9) Christina Ruthrauff, born April 25, 1824, married George Pensinger.

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(10) Harriet Ruthrauff, married William Osbaugh.

(11) Margaret Ruthrauff, born 1833, married Jerry B. Angle.

I find this line, as well as all the Ruthrauffs I have any record of, are fine, God-fearing, home loving, hard working, honest, peaceable people, and we are proud to be a member of this fine family.

CHAPTER XLVIII

GEORGE RUTHRAUFF

George Ruthrauff, or Rotroff—as they changed the spelling from Ruthrauff to Rotroff, because it was pronounced that way—son of Jonas and Katherine (Hus-song) Ruthrauff, born March 2, 1811; died September 5, 1885, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, was a distiller, and farmer, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and was married, in the year 1831, to Ellen Appenzeller, and their family consisted of six daughters and two sons, as follows:

(1) Catherine Rotroff, born December 1, 1835, died February 10, 1918, married Henry Hurvey Englerth.

(2) Urilla Rotroff, married Alexander Spevey.

(3) Amanda Rotroff, married Isaac Sense.

(4) Marguerite Rotroff, married Frank Kline.

(5) Mary Rotroff, married John Bowers.

(6) Matilda Rotroff, married William Bundy.

(7) Emanuel Rotroff, died in Civil War, January 1, 1865.

(8) Nelson Rotroff, living in Kokomo, Indiana.

George Ruthrauff and family moved from Pennsylvania, in 1837, first to Piqua County, Ohio. Lived there eight years, then moved to Butler County, Ohio. Lived there five years, then to Henry County, Indiana; lived there five years and sixteen years in Carrol County, Indiana, and twenty years in Stark County, Indiana, where he lived until he died.

CATHERINE RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of George and Ellen (Appenzeller) Ruthrauff, born December 1, 1835, died February 10, 1918.

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They originally came from Pennsylvania to Ohio and later removed to Judson, Indiana. In 1856 she married Henry Hurvey Englerth, and to them two children were born:

(1) John E. Englerth, born May 4, 1858. Unmarried.

(2) Perry O. Englerth, M.D., born April 4, 1874. Married Anna Johnson, born December 17, 1893. They have one son, John Oliver Englerth, born March 9, 1922. Their home is in North Judson, Indiana.

CHAPTER XLIX

URILLA RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of George and Ellen (Appenzeller) Rotroff, born September 6, 1834, died May 31, 1920. She married, November 4, 1855, to Alexander M. Spivey, born October 13, 1833, died May 26, 1908. There were three children born to this union:

(1) Nancy E. Spivey, born June 20, 1858, died November 21, 1877. Married October 6, 1874, to John F. Gano, born March 7, 1846. John F. Gano married a second time, Margaret Gano, born February 20, 1860, married November 6, 1909.

(1) John and Nancy Gano had one son, (a) Clyde H. Gano, born July 10, 1875. Married January 7, 1898, Sarah D. Gano, born October 10, 1878, and they had one daughter, Glenn Gano, born January 5, 1901, who married Dallas Stowars, born October 6, 1898, Circleville, Indiana. Glenn and Dallas Stowars were married July 27, 1920, and they had one daughter, Marjorie Ellen Stowars, born August 17, 1923.

(2) Mary K. Spivey, born January 23, 1862, daughter of Alexander and Urilla (Rotroff) Spivey, was married October 8, 1879, to John Landis, born May 18, 1859, whose occupation is in Hosier Stove Works, Marion, Indiana. John and Mary K. (Spivey) Landis were parents of six children, as follows:

(1) Urilla May Landis, born August 26, 1882, married February 22, 1910, to George V. Akers, born February 2, 1886. Polisher by trade with residence at North Judson, Indiana.

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(2) Perry Alton Landis, born March 16, 1886. Machinist, living in Marion, Indiana.

(3) Dora Ball Landis, born December 2, 1880, Frankfort, Clinton County, Illinois. Married William Alpha Osborn, born March 6, 1879, Mahomet, Champaign County, Illinois. Motorman on city cars of Logansport, Indiana, and they are parents of seven children, as follows:

(1) Russell Merel Osborn, born June 20, 1899, Monon, White County, Indiana.

(2) Ernest Williner Osborn, born May 7, 1901, Rose Lawn, Newton County, Indiana.

(3) Kathryn Ruth Osborn, born June 23, 1912, Marion, Indiana.

(4) Paul William Osborn, born January 4, 1914, Logansport, Indiana.

(5) Robert J. Osborn, born January 17, 1919, Logansport, Indiana.

(6) Martha May Osborn, born October 16, 1921, Logansport, Indiana.

(7) J. C. Osborn, born April 6, 1923, Logansport, Indiana.

(4) Paul Emanuel Landis, son of John and Mary K. (Spivey) Landis, born January 27, 1889, married February 24, 1909, to Cecial Imler, born June 30, 1888. Their home is in Marion, Indiana, and they are the parents of three children, as follows:

(a) Marsella Deloras Landis, born January 10, 1913.

(b) Paul Alton Landis, Jr., born November 11, 1914.

(c) Robert Frederick Landis, born July 30, 1921.

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(5) Glen Alexander Landis, son of John and Mary K. (Spivey) Landis, born January 24, 1891. Polisher by trade, and lives Marion, Indiana. March 5, 1910, he married Miss Edna Mearle Broughman, born December 17, 1893. They are the parents of three children, as follows:

- (a) Edith Levon Landis, born December 17, 1910.
- (b) Mary Louise Landis, born October 20, 1914.
- (c) Ralph Eugene Landis, born March 24, 1922.

(6) Ida Muriel Landis, daughter of John and Mary K. (Spivey) Landis, born July 7, 1895, was married September 12, 1912, to Earl J. Baugher, born July 6, 1893. Machinist by trade and their home is in Marion, Indiana, and they are the parents of two children, as follows:

- (a) Kathryn Ruth Baugher, born August 30, 1914.
- (b) Hildegard Baugher, born July 28, 1916.

(3) Emanuel Hervey Spivey, son of Alexander and Urilla (Rotroff) Spivey, married Adela Virginia Kissinger, December 23, 1877. Two children were born to them:

- (1) Arthur Carrolton Spivey, born October 27, 1878.
- (2) Hettie Urilla Florence Spivey.

Arthur Carrolton Spivey, born October 27, 1878, married Ora May Jordan, born December 11, 1882, married 1902. To them five children were born, as follows:

- (1) Russell Jordan Spivey, born October 26, 1902.
- (2) Olive Adella Spivey, born June 26, 1904.
- (3) Arthur William Spivey, born January 11, 1906.
- (4) Mary Emma Spivey, born October 3, 1907.
- (5) Helen Margaret Spivey, born September 11, 1909.

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Hettie Urilla Florence Spivey married Earl A. Robeson in 1899. To them two children were born: (1) Thelma Catherine Robeson, (2) Myles Edward Robeson. Hettie Urilla Florence Spivey Robeson was again married, in 1917, to Ralph Hiram Baker.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF

John Ruthrauff, son of Jonas and Katherine (Hus-song) Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1812; died Paris, Illinois, October 25, 1882. He married September 23, 1833, Margaret E. Ensminger, daughter of John and Catherine — Ensminger. Five children were born to them, as follows:

- (1) Lewis Ruthrauff, born September 19, 1834.
- (2) Sarah E. Ruthrauff, born August 21, 1837. Married — Moyer.
- (3) Thomas Ruthrauff, born May 17, 1840.
- (4) Helen Ruthrauff, born March 10, 1843.
- (5) Nancy Bell Ruthrauff, born February 15, 1846.

Mrs. Margaret E. (Ensminger) Ruthrauff was an expert seamstress, making vests for a store in Welch Run, and also bolter cloths for the mills. A bolter was a wooden cylindrical frame, covered with closely woven sheer silk cloth and canvas strips, sewn together with the finest stitches possible and most accurate, through which flour was sifted to separate it from the bran, and it took an expert seamstress to make one. I have no further data of this family, other than Mrs. Sarah E. (Ruthrauff) Moyer left a son, whose name I did not get.

John Ruthrauff was a farmer and quite a musician, playing the violin, and organizing an orchestra in his own home and family.



John Ruthrauff, Paris, Illinois.

CHAPTER L

PETER SOUTH RUTHRAUFF

Son of Jonas and Katherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff, born in Ohio July 26, 1820 (on their way West, and at the earnest solicitation of his wife to return, after the birth of her son, Peter South). They returned to Pennsylvania, and while an infant he was taken to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and christened in the Catholic Church. However, a letter from the priest of the oldest church in Chambersburg says there is no record of so early a date. He died in Williamsport, Maryland, 1903. His wife was Mary Elizabeth Houser, but I have not been able to find out anything more than this. They are both buried in the principal cemetery at Williamsport, Maryland. They had children as follows:

(1) Sarah, who was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania; married Daniel Switzer, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. They had no children, and I do not know whether they are still living or not.

(2) Susan Isabel, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and married to William Lizer, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. They were lately, and perhaps are now, living in Byron, Illinois, and a daughter, Sarah Bell, married, but I do not know to whom. They all have children.

(3) Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Peter South Ruthrauff, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania; married Samuel E. Neikirk, now living somewhere in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. They have one child, a son, Harry Henry Neikirk, employed as a machinist in the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

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(4) The fourth of Peter South Ruthrauff's children was Virginia, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania; married to John David Shaffer, of Washington County, Maryland, and now living at 136 East 28th Street, Los Angeles, California. Their children are, first, Charles Shaffer, Los Angeles, California; do not know whether he is married or not. Second, Mary E. Shaffer; married William Lentz, of Washington, D. C., who have two children. Third, David Shaffer. Fourth, George Shaffer, both of Los Angeles, California. The fifth is Elizabeth Shaffer, who married Harry Long, a veterinarian in the United States Army, and died in Mexico. They have no children.

(5) The fifth of Peter South Ruthrauff's children was James Buchanan, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and died unmarried.

(6) The sixth was John Eckman Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania; also died unmarried.

(7) The seventh is Charles McClellan Ruthrauff, a carpenter in Westminster, Maryland, born in Washington County, Maryland, January 22, 1862. Married December, 1883, Amanda Embray, of Williamsport, Maryland. Their children were:

First, Leslie; second, Ethel; third, Charles Edgar; fourth, Sarah Elizabeth; fifth, Glenn Roy, who married Helen Elizabeth Melown, of Union Bridge, Maryland (and has two children); sixth, Edna Ruthrauff; and seventh, Harold Ruthrauff.

(8) The eighth child of Peter South Ruthrauff is Augustus Ceymour, a carpenter, living at Williamsport, Maryland. He was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1863, and married Elizabeth Corby. Their children are: First, Ira Oscar, a locomotive en-

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gineer, Hagerstown, Maryland; second, Samuel Henry, born February 9, 1888, died November 6, 1909, unmarried; third, John Raymond, born in Williamsport, Maryland, November 22, 1890; fourth, Mary Irene, died in infancy.

(9) The ninth child of Peter South Ruthrauff is Peter Milton, also a carpenter, living in Westminster, Maryland. He was born in Washington County, Maryland, July 25, 1866; married Fannie Blair, of Williamsport, Maryland. Their children are: First, Mary, born July 27, 1892; and second, Virgil, born January 21, 1894; married to John Robert Everhart, Westminster, Maryland, and they had the following children: Emma May Everhart, born Westminster, Maryland, January 11, 1913, and John Robert Everhart, Jr., born November 3, 1914. Third, Peter, born 1895, died in infancy; fourth, Hazel, born March 26, 1900; fifth, Charles, born June 26, 1902; sixth, Margie, born June 26, 1905; seventh, Hilda, born January 9, 1907, and died in infancy.

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WILLIAM RUTHRAUFF

Ninth child of Jonas and Katherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff, born near Worliss Mill, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1822, and died May 4, 1894, and is buried at Corbin, Kansas. Was married about 1842 to Elizabeth Pensinger, born May 29, 1824; died December 5, 1879; and is buried at Brackenridge, Illinois. To this union twelve children were born, all in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, except one child, Rachel, who was born near Leitersburg, Maryland. William moved, with almost his entire family, to or near Illiopolis, Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1872 and settled on a farm, where they remained until 1877, then moving to a farm three miles north of Decatur, Illinois, from where they have scattered to the four corners of the earth, and no doubt will be heard from for some time to come. Their children were as follows:

(1) Henry Ruthrauff, born January 24, 1843, died September 16, 1911. Married Barbara Snyder.

(2) Rachel Ruthrauff, born September 11, 1844, died September 25, 1844.

(3) Jacob Ruthrauff, died in infancy, January 7, 1855.

(4) Theodore F. Ruthrauff, born May 23, 1846, died August 24, 1893. Minister. Married Catherine Lindsay.

(5) Martin Oliver Ruthrauff, born February 6, 1849. Married Magdalena Snyder.

(6) Maria Ruthrauff, born January 2, 1851. Married William B. Hicks.

(7) Grafton S. Ruthrauff, born August 16, 1852, died February 5, 1921. Married Elizabeth Derrg.

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(8) John Ruthrauff, married Jane Zigler, born November 30, 1852.

(9) Jeremiah Ruthrauff, born October 15, 1862. Married Olive Peddicord.

(10) Zepheniah Ruthrauff, no date of birth, died April 1, 1903. Married Emma Torrence.

(11) Andrew S. Ruthrauff, born January 15, 1862. Married Estella Vickus.

(12) P. Clayton Ruthrauff, born August 12, 1867. Married Elizabeth Crane, died about 1906. They had two daughters and one son, Frances, Birdie and son Ray. Married. No date. Died four or five years ago, 1920.

HENRY RUTHRAUFF

The following fine record of Henry Ruthrauff and his posterity was given me by his son "Harry," and I am pleased to give it entire as he wrote it:

My father, Henry Ruthrauff, son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, was born in Washington County, Maryland, near Leitersburg, January 23, 1843, and on the 2nd of January, 1860, at Waynesburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, he was married to Barbara Snyder. When the Civil War broke out he volunteered for service in the Union Army, responding to President Lincoln's second call for soldiers to serve nine months. He enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment, of Pennsylvania Infantry, and the first engagement in which he took part was the Second Battle of Bull Run, under General Pope, the regiment being attached to the Fifth Army Corps. The second in which he was engaged was at Antietam, and here he was with the Fifth Corps, under General Fitz-

ponter. He was wounded at "Maria Hill," December 13, 1862, in the left ankle, and was taken to Point Lookout on the 16th day of December. There were sixteen thousand soldiers at the place, and on this account a contagious disease, caused by the carelessness of the doctors using the same sponges on different patients, the disease was spread and Mr. Ruthrauff contracted it and almost lost his life thereby. There was a remonstrance made to Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, and he investigated and found that the treatment of the soldiers was anything but what it should be. He immediately ordered that all soldiers from Pennsylvania, who were unfit for duty in thirty days, be sent to Turner Lane Hospital in Philadelphia. Mr. Ruthrauff was among the number thus transferred, and he remained in the latter hospital until the expiration of his nine months' service, which was in April, 1863. At that time he returned home and worked for his father, cutting wood, receiving thirty-three and a third cents a cord. He now felt he had done his share to aid in the preservation of the Union, but when the battle of Gettysburg occurred and Lee made his raid through Pennsylvania, visiting the home of his father and robbing him or destroying everything that he had, Henry, my father, decided to enter the army again.

He enlisted at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in Company K, Twenty-first Regiment of Cavalry, and went into camp at Chambersburg for three months. The regiment was then ordered to the front and was honored by its valorous service. It was also notable on account of its mounts, four companies being mounted on bay horses, two on grays, two on sorrels, two on blacks, and two on iron roans.

The battalion to which Mr. Ruthrauff belonged was drilled by Major Gillis, a West Point graduate, who was

believed to be the best drill master in the country. Mr. Ruthrauff was in the First Battalion of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Boyd.

On arriving at "Arlington Heights" the members of the regiment were ordered to give up their horses and were given muskets, after which they proceeded on foot. They then reported to Grant, and it was about this time that the "Battle of the Wilderness" occurred; after which the command to which Mr. Ruthrauff belonged proceeded to Richmond, and he took part in all of the engagements with his regiment, up to the time of the surrender at Appomattox.

In November, 1864, the regiment was re-mounted and sent to General Gregg's command, the Second Division of Cavalry. Mr. Ruthrauff was wounded in the hand in front of Petersburg, and was also wounded in the hip, at Poplar Grove.

Shortly afterwards they went into winter quarters in front of Petersburg, but in January they were ordered to destroy the Weldon Railroad. This was done by the Fifth Corps of Gregg's Second Division of Cavalry, who demolished the road for one hundred and fifty miles. This is known in history as General Warren's famous raid, the soldiers being in the saddles almost continuously eleven days and nights, and by Mr. Ruthrauff this was considered the most severe experience which he had throughout his military career. The battalion to which he belonged also acted as General Sheridan's escort at Five Forks.

The war being ended, and the flag of the Nation having been victoriously planted on the Capitol of the Southern Confederacy, he was mustered out of service on the 8th day of June, 1865.

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My father was a farmer by occupation almost his entire life. Died at Decatur, Illinois, September 16, 1911. My mother, who was born March 28, 1843, also died at Decatur, Illinois, April 4, 1912, and both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Decatur, Illinois. To my father and mother were born ten children, as follows:

(1) Elmer E. Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1861. Lola M. Locke, his wife, born December 31, 1865, and married at Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, October 27, 1882. Two daughters born to this union: (a) Carolyn Pearl Ruthrauff, born January 23, 1884; (b) Maud Aileen Ruthrauff, born March 20, 1886. Carolyn Pearl was married to W. L. Andrews, Jr., May 31, 1913. No children. Maud Aileen Ruthrauff married to Henry L. LeGrand, February 4, 1900. To this union one son was born: (a) Eugene H. LeGrand, on July 27, 1911. Elmer, my oldest brother, is and has been for the last ten years city chemist at the municipal water works and filtration plant at Decatur, Illinois.

(2) William Ruthrauff, my next brother, son of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born in Franklin County, died in infancy. Born 1862, and died in 1864.

(3) Harry Ruthrauff, son of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1866. Spent his boyhood days on the farm, going to work in the coal mines at Athens, Illinois, when about sixteen years of age, following this occupation principally until he was twenty-one years old, then going to work for the City of Decatur. Laborer in the Water Department, which was in May, 1888. A few years later, was advanced to foreman, and a year later was appointed as Water Inspector and held this position until 1911. Was elected by the people as Commissioner of Public

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Property and was re-elected 1915, 1919, 1923. Present term expires May 1, 1927.

Helena Skelly, his wife, was born at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, August 22, 1869, and was married at Springfield, Illinois, January 10, 1887. To this union were born seven children, as follows:

(1) Dollie M. Ruthrauff, born at Athens, Menard County, Illinois, November 14, 1889.

(2) Clifford B. Ruthrauff, born Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, May 30, 1891.

(3) Bonnie B. Ruthrauff, born Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, August 15, 1893.

(4) Theresa Ruthrauff, born Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, November 17, 1895.

(5) Mable M. Ruthrauff, born Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, October 27, 1899.

(6) Helen M. Ruthrauff, born Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, July 6, 1902.

(7) Lester W. Ruthrauff, born Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, December 27, 1904.

(1) Dollie M. Ruthrauff married to H. E. Wilkins, at Memphis, Tennessee, April 17, 1907. Four children born to this union, as follows:

(a) Dorothy E. Wilkins, born at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, May 16, 1908.

(b) Raymond E. Wilkins, born at Zero, Custer County, Montana, July 27, 1912.

(c) Betty Jane Wilkins, born at Mandan, North Dakota, March 4, 1918.

(d) Harry Jr. Wilkins, born at Glendive, Montana, November 7, 1923.

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(2) Bonnie B. Ruthrauff, married to Grover C. Gebhart at Paoli, Indiana, August 1, 1911. One child born to this union:

(a) Robert C. Gebhart, born at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, October 20, 1912.

(3) Clifford B. Ruthrauff, married to Cecil F. Lunger at Danville, Illinois, October 21, 1914. Two children were born to this union:

(a) Dwight Lunger Ruthrauff, born at Danville, Illinois, February 16, 1916.

(b) Clifford Ruthrauff, Jr., born at Danville, Illinois, March 3, 1918.

(4) Theresa M. Ruthrauff, married to W. B. Strom at Decatur, Illinois, June 30, 1920.

(5) Mable M. Ruthrauff, married to J. B. Fisher at Richardton, North Dakota, September 1, 1917. Two children born to this union:

(a) Mary Frances Fisher, born at Decatur, Illinois, January 4, 1920.

(b) Geraldine Fisher, born at Zenith, North Dakota, August 4, 1921.

(4) Theodore Gilmore Ruthrauff, son of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, was born January 5, 1868, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and married to Miss Dora Butts at Decatur, Illinois, September 17, 1890. To this union were born eight children, as follows:

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(1) Frances Gertrude Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, September 7, 1891.

(2) Ethel Arylene Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, February 13, 1894.

(3) Harry Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, May 25, 1896.

(4) Irene Edith Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, March 29, 1899.

(5) Louise Alice Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, June 11, 1902.

(6) Ina Daisy Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, November 5, 1905.

(7) Theodore Carol Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, January 11, 1908.

(8) Fred Allen Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, August 10, 1910.

(1) Frances Gertrude Ruthrauff was married to David Bell, November 7, 1911, and to them five children were born, as follows:

(a) Earnest Lynton Bell, born November 21, 1912, at Decatur, Illinois.

(b) Winifred Alice Bell, born September 24, 1914, at Decatur, Illinois.

(c) Dora Nadine Bell, born October 27, 1916.

(d) Mildred June Bell, born June 19, 1921.

(e) Clarence Albert Bell, born April 9, 1924.

(2) Ethel Arylene Ruthrauff was married to Benjamin McGuire, November 3, 1914. One child was born to this union: Robert Dean McGuire, born March 27, 1916.

(3) Irene Edith Ruthrauff was married to Harry L. Fanick, February 9, 1923. One child was born: Lynn Herbert Fanick, born July 13, 1924.

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(4) Louise Alice Ruthrauff, married to Albert Schalba, January 15, 1921. Two children were born:

- (a) William Schalba, born December 9, 1922.
 - (b) Paul Schalba, born January 7, 1924.
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(5) Elizabeth Ruthrauff, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, was born, Sangamon County, Illinois, July, 1870, died at Indianapolis, Indiana, May 1, 1898. Married Alexander R. Boles at Decatur, Illinois. To this union were born four children, as follows:

- (1) Theodor R. Boles, born August 5, 1888.
 - (2) Alma M. Boles, born September 7, 1889.
 - (3) Roy Boles, born July 5, 1891.
 - (4) Scotty Boles, born May, 1905.
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(6) Gertrude Belle Ruthrauff, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born in Macon County, Illinois, December 1, 1872, was married to William Platt at Decatur, Illinois, January 14, 1891. To this union were born six children, as follows:

(1) Vella May Platt, born November 9, 1893, at Decatur, Illinois, and married to John Hurt at Springfield, Illinois, January 25, 1914.

(2) Ralph Platt, born at Decatur, Illinois, December 11, 1897, died July 15, 1908.

(3) Fay Lucelle Platt, born at Decatur, Illinois, May 20, 1899. Married to William Bradshaw, August 20, 1923, at Springfield, Illinois.

(4) Delilah Platt, born at Decatur, Illinois, February 16, 1902. Married July 23, 1922.

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(5) Jean Merverda Platt, born at Decatur, Illinois, January 11, 1910.

(6) Billy Platt, born December 24, 1913.

(7) Phares Ruthrauff, son of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born at Decatur, Illinois, 1874, died 1888.

(8) Florence May Ruthrauff, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born in Macon County, Illinois, August 25, 1875. Married to Thomas A. Hammel May 16, 1893. Two children were born to this union:

(a) DeEtta A. Hammel, born November 11, 1905.

(b) Maryland Jane Hammel, born January 16, 1916. Died in infancy.

(9) Marguerite Ruthrauff, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, was born at Decatur, Illinois, October 25, 1878, and was married to Jesse B. Sanders, May 21, 1895. Two children were born to this union, as follows:

(1) Vona Sanders, born February 21, 1896, at Decatur, Illinois.

(2) Lawrence Sanders, born June 30, 1897, at Decatur, Illinois.

Vona Sanders married Edward Pissell, July 23, 1916. Three children were born to this union:

(a) Eloise Pissell, born August 20, 1917.

(b) Juanita Pissell, born September 13, 1918.

(c) Kenneth Pissell, born July 22, 1923.

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Lawrence Sanders, son of Jesse B. and Marguerite (Ruthrauff) Sanders, was married to Janice Apple on June 17, 1922.

(10) Bert Skinner Ruthrauff, son of Henry and Barbara (Snyder) Ruthrauff, was born at Decatur, Illinois, November 25, 1885, and was married to Miss Belle Woody, November 3, 1903. Six children were born to them:

- (1) Delilah Ellen Ruthrauff, born September 15, 1904.
 - (2) Bernice Louise Ruthrauff, born April 4, 1911.
 - (3) Robert LeRoy Ruthrauff, born December 29, 1912.
 - (4) Geraldine Georgia Ruthrauff, born November 18, 1917.
 - (5) Bert Ruthrauff, Jr., born December 21, 1920.
 - (6) Earl Wayne Ruthrauff, born August 7, 1922.
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THEODORE FREELINGHUYSEN RUTHRAUFF

Theodore Freelinghuysen Ruthrauff, United Brethren minister, son of William and Elizabeth (Pensing) Ruthrauff, was born May 23, 1846, died August 24, 1893. His home was in Decatur, Illinois, and he married Mary Catherine Lindsey, December 26, 1875. She was born October 23, 1854, died December 27, 1898. To them two children were born:

(1) Ettie Myrtle Ruthrauff, born September 8, 1876, died May 4, 1898.

(2) Allen Lindsey Ruthrauff, born September 4, 1880.

Theodore F., his wife and daughter are buried in Rochester, Illinois, South Fork Cemetery.

MARIA RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of William and Elizabeth (Pensing) Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, January

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2, 1851, near Greencastle, was married November 2, 1871, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, to William B. Hicks, a miller by trade.

February 19, 1872, in company with her husband and her two brothers, left Pennsylvania and landed in Illiopolis, Illinois, February 22, 1872, where they resided but a short time and then moved to Springfield, Illinois, where Mr. Hicks was employed in the milling business and where they resided until the fall of 1891, when they with their family moved to Drury, Sumner County, Kansas, where they remained until 1903 or later. At this time (1924) they are living in Wichita, Kansas.

They have a family of five children living, as follows:

(1) Harvey Elwood Hicks, born June 19, 1874, Menard County, Illinois. Living in Newton, Kansas. A miller.

(2) Grace May Hicks, born February 17, 1880, in Breckinridge, Illinois; lives in Wichita, Kansas. Music teacher by profession.

(3) John Herman Hicks, born August 10, 1886, in Menard County, Illinois.

(4) Elisia Primm Hicks, born October 16, 1884, in Menard County, Illinois.

(5) William Ruthrauff Hicks, born October 30, 1876, in Springfield, Illinois. Occupation, clerking.

Those not living are:

(6) Moshem Tell Hicks, born September 17, 1872, at Springfield, Illinois, died September 11, 1875.

(7) Mary Elizabeth Hicks, born July 28, 1878, at Springfield, Illinois, died August 28, 1879.

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(8) Charles Hicks; (9) Lewis Hicks, twins, born March 9, 1882, at Rochester, Illinois. Charles died March 9, 1882. Lewis died March 19, 1882.

ANDREW STIFFLE RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1862. Emigrated to Illiopolis, Illinois, in 1872. Received his education in the schools of Macon County, Illinois. Engaged in the occupation of flour milling at the age of sixteen years.

December 26, 1882, he married Estella Vickurs at Rochester, Illinois, and emigrated to Wellington, Kansas, in August, 1883. Five children were born to this union, as follows:

(1) Ewart Irl Ruthrauff, born August 12, 1892, at Corbin, Kansas; died April 5, 1895.

(2) Roscoe Ruthrauff, born Corbin, Kansas, June 5, 1897. March 16, 1918, he married Clara Taylor at Wichita, Kansas, and to them two children were born:

(a) Eileen Elizabeth Ruthrauff, born 1919.

(b) Virginia Ann, born 1921.

Their home is in Oxnard, California.

(3) Harold Ruthrauff, born at Caldwell, Kansas, February 5, 1900. Lives at Los Angeles, California.

(4) Carl Ashby Ruthrauff, born Newton, Kansas, July 11, 1906. At present, 1923, attending high school in Santa Barbara, California.

(5) Margaret Estella Ruthrauff, born Newton, Kansas, December 12, 1908. Attending high school in Santa Barbara, California, in 1923.

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Andrew Stiffle Ruthrauff spent forty years of his life building and operating large flour mills in Southern Kansas, until failing health compelled him to retire from active work, and in June, 1922, he moved, with his family, to California, hoping to regain his health, though with indifferent results, and he is at present (1923) living in beautiful Santa Barbara, California.

MARTIN OLIVER RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, was born February 7, 1849; died February 8, 1919. He was born and reared three miles southeast of Greencastle, Pennsylvania. Moved, February 22, 1871, with his parents, to Illiopolis, Illinois, where in 1873, January 12, he married Mary Magdalene Snyder, born Greencastle, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1851. Left an orphan at the early age of nine, she lived for a time in the Ruthrauff family. Martin Oliver lived three years in Sangamon County, Illinois, six years in Macon County, eleven years in Dewit, one year in Champaign, Illinois. Spring of 1893 moved to Coon Rapids, Carroll County, Iowa. Remained there until spring of 1901, and after spending six months visiting Oklahoma, Kansas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland, settled with his family in South Haven, Kansas, a farmer at all of these points and periods. Owned land in Macon, Champaign, Illinois, and Carroll County, Iowa. In South Haven, Kansas, he was a member of the firm of Bonsall & Ruthrauff, hardware and implements, buggies, wagons, binding twine, machine oils, etc., where he continued in business until 1903, when he retired, leaving his sons to

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follow in his footsteps. Martin Oliver and Mary Magdalene (Snyder) Ruthrauff had three sons:

(1) Walter H. Ruthrauff, born April 13, 1874. Grew up in his father's home and was a scientific farmer and breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs and Hereford cattle. Married Fannie Ramsy, and has one son and one daughter. Have not learned their names.

(2) Bruce W. Ruthrauff, born April 13, 1876, three miles northeast of Decatur, Illinois. Married and is the father of four daughters and one son. Bruce W. and Emil Leroy succeeded their father in the hardware and implement business, and at the present time (1923) Bruce W. is postmaster of South Haven, Kansas. His oldest daughter is Martha Magdalene, a graduate of the South Haven High School, and is a teacher in the South Haven school. One of her most cherished possessions is a gold dollar, coined in 1851, and given her by her grandfather, Martin Oliver Ruthrauff.

(3) Emil Leroy Ruthrauff, born January 19, 1884, four miles south of Weldon, Dent County, Illinois, single. All live in South Haven, Kansas.

GRAFTON RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, born Franklin County, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1852. Moved with his parents to Illiopolis, Illinois, in 1870. Married September 22, 1874, to Elizabeth Derry, born Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, May 2, 1850. Five children were born to them, as follows:

(1) Preston Ruthrauff, born Rochester, Illinois, July 22, 1881.

(2) Cora Ruthrauff, born July, 1875.

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(3) Merryl Ruthrauff, born Illiopolis, Illinois, January, 1886.

(4) Clara Lee Ruthrauff, born Illiopolis, Illinois, May 20, 1892.

(5) Willie Ruthrauff, born October, 1878; died Rochester, September, 1880.

Cora Ruthrauff was married April 3, 1895, to Ed Lochbaum, jeweler, living at Mechanicsburg. They have one child, Chester Lochbaum, born November, 1897.

JOHN RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1852. Moved with his parents to Illiopolis, Illinois, in 1872, and located on a farm near Illiopolis, and married Jane Zigler, of Sangamon County, in 1879, who died May 18, 1887, and was buried in Rochester, Illinois, cemetery. She was most likely from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, as the Ziglers were an old, fine and influential family of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, near Leitersburg, Maryland. They had two children:

(1) Charles Ruthrauff, who died young and was buried in the Garver graveyard, northeast of Decatur, Illinois.

(2) Arthur Ruthrauff, Taylorsville, Illinois, 1923.

John Ruthrauff married a second wife, Orea Torrence, March 4, 1889, at Taylorsville, Christian County, Illinois. John's occupation was general contractor and stationary engineer. He was a hard-working, very industrious man. His son, Arthur Ruthrauff, was born at the Ham. Elexander farm, five miles northeast of Decatur, and was married to Lizzie Martin at Springfield, Illinois,

June 16, 1902, and is now (1903) located on an eighty-acre farm of his own in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, Illinois.

JEREMIAH BISHOP RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, born October 15, 1857, and was married to Olive Peddick, born October 23, 1867, in Decatur, Illinois, October 9, 1886.

Mr. J. B. Ruthrauff is agent for Huntly Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of milling machinery, etc. Their home is in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Coates Hotel, and they are the parents of three children, as follows:

(1) Kirk Ruthrauff, born Marion, Kansas, April 8, 1888. Is an auto agent, of Portland, Oregon. He married Maud Morgan, and they have one daughter, Wanda Ruthrauff, born January 16, 1924.

(2) Ray L. Ruthrauff, born Wellington, Kansas, July 13, 1890. Their home is in Wichita, Kansas, where he is a member of the firm of Greenway, Rau Dry Goods Store. A prominent citizen and Mason. Appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas for the 36th District. Mr. Ruthrauff is Past Master of Albert Pike Lodge, and active in De Molay work. Originator and associate editor of Kansas Masonic Digest. He married Blanche Greenway, of Pennsylvania, born March 20, 1895. They have one little daughter, Geraldine Ruthrauff, born January 15, 1921.

(3) Jessie Blanche Ruthrauff, born Hazelton, Kansas, February 15, 1894. Married Frank Hetrick, auto salesman, of Wichita, Kansas, where their home is.

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They have one daughter, Betty Jane, born January 4, 1917.

ZEPHENIAH RUTHRAUFF

Zepheniah Ruthrauff, son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff. No dates of birth or death, but he married Emma Torrence, and their children are:

(1) Velma Ruthrauff, married Julius Simons, Custer, Illinois.

(2) Lura Ruthrauff McArthur, Custer, Illinois.

P. CLAYTON RUTHRAUFF

P. Clayton Ruthrauff, of Wichita, Kansas, son of William and Elizabeth (Pensinger) Ruthrauff, born near Greencastle, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1867. He married Jane Crane, of Richmond, Illinois, November 11, 1891, born near Marysville, Kentucky, April 7, 1871; died February 16, 1903, Rochester, Illinois, and buried in Cooper graveyard, Rochester. Their children are:

(1) Bert Ray Ruthrauff, born July 30, 1892.

(2) Frances Crane Ruthrauff, born October 9, 1894.

(3) Frankie Ruthrauff, born October 9, 1894. Twin of Frances. Died October 30, 1894.

(4) Birdie May Ruthrauff, born January 16, 1903.

CHAPTER LII

DAVID PORTER ROTROFF

David Porter Ruthrauff, or Rotroff (as he spelled it because that was the way it was pronounced), youngest son of Jonas and Katherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff. I have no date of his birth. He died in 1912.

During the Civil War, or about that time, he married Mary Elizabeth Wonderlich, whose people came to America in 1753, and one ancestor, who died in 1919, was in the Revolutionary War.

David Porter Rotroff served four years in the Civil War. Their home was in Logansport, Indiana, and to this union there were five children:

- (1) Margaret Louise Rotroff, born 1864, died 1883.
- (2) Edith M. Rotroff, a teacher in the city schools of Logansport, Indiana. She and her sister Mary adopted a boy, named Joseph Rotroff, born 1909, when he was seven years old, whom they love as a son.
- (3) Mary Rotroff is the homemaker or housekeeper.
- (4) David Rotroff, editor of the Sporting Department of the Chicago Daily News. He married Sarah Bernard Hicks, and they have one son, David Hicks Rotroff.
- (5) The fifth child of David Porter and Mary E. (Wonderlich) Rotroff, a son, died at birth.

CHAPTER LIII

CATHERINE RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of Jonas and Katherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff, born, most likely, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1818; died December 6, 1872. Married in 1837 to John Frye, born 1818, died March 8, 1883; but they left a fine family of eleven children, as follows:

(1) Anna Maria Frye, born May 18, 1838; died October, 1895. Married B. F. Kuhn.

(2) George W. Frye, born March, 1840; died March, 1903. March 2, 1876, married Amanda B. ———, who survives him. No children.

(3) Charles M. Frye, twin of George W., born March, 1840; died 1863.

(4) William Frye, born October 24, 1841. Married Lydia Weagley.

(5) John Frye, born 1843, died 1862.

(6) Dallas Frye, born 1845. Married Lauretta Weagley.

(7) Jonas Frye, born 1847.

(8) David Frye, born 1849, died 1871.

(9) Henry Frye, born 1850, died 1915. Married Josephine Coopus, 1915. No children.

(10) Jerome Frye, born August 31, 1852; died May 17, 1913. Married Josephine Jenkinson.

(11) Emma Catherine Frye, born September 8, 1855. Married J. F. Stuff, born August 13, 1856.

B. F. and Anna (Frye) Kuhn were the parents of six children. Two are living.

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William and Lydia (Weagley) Frye were parents of three children. One died in infancy. Their grandchildren are:

- (1) Allian Shook.
- (2) Anna Shook.
- (3) Vaughn Shook.

No record of their children.

Dallas and Lauretta (Weagley) Frye were married in 1866, and were the parents of three children. Only two are living, and their grandchildren are: Lauretta, Estella and Howard McGrath.

Jerome Frye married July 19, 1877, Miss Josephine Jenkinson, and they are the parents of two children.

J. F. and Emma Catherine (Frye) Stuff were married in 1887, and were the parents of three children:

- (1) Georgie, who died at the age of four months.
- (2) Edna Stuff, who died at the age of eight years and eight months.
- (3) Laverne Stuff, who is married, but they have no children.

J. F. and Emma Catherine (Frye) Stuff are retired farmers. I am indebted to Mrs. Stuff for this record; but as her letters were not answered, this was the best she could do from memory. A very good record.

CHAPTER LIV

MARY RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of Jonas and Catherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff, born Pennsylvania March 23, 1826; died July 30, 1886. July 22, 1847, she married Jacob Frey, born February 17, 1820. I have no further data, except that to them eight children were born:

(1) Margaret Frey, born June 1, 1848; died March 11, 1859.

(2) Hamilton Frey, born August 1, 1850. Married October, 1874, Mary Needy. Their home is in Polo, Illinois.

(3) Jacob Frey, Jr., born May 28, 1852. Married October, 1874, Nancy Elliott, and lives at Randall, Kansas.

(4) Samuel Frey, born December 31, 1857. Single. Canton, Illinois.

(5) Daniel Frey, born April 5, 1865. Married Effie Miller. Their home is in Canton, Illinois.

(6) Mary Frey, born October 17, 1854, Greencastle, Pennsylvania. Married December 31, 1874, S. F. Welsh, born September 13, 1857. Live in Upton, Pennsylvania.

(7) Catharyn Frey, born Pennsylvania, April 23, 1861. Married George Good. Their home is in Berwin, Illinois.

(8) Harriet Frey, born August 25, 1867. Married Samuel William Shindel. Their home is in Upton, Pennsylvania.

Mary Frey, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Ruthrauff) Frey, born October 17, 1854; was married December 31,

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1874, to S. F. Welsh, born September 13, 1857. Their home is in Upton, Pennsylvania, and their children are four, as follows:

(1) Jacob Ambrose Welsh, born November 6, 1875. Married October 14, 1896, Ida Grace Croft. Their home is in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, where Jacob Ambrose is foreman in the engine room of Landis-Shoop Machine Company.

(2) Bessie Welsh, born January 18, 1878. Lives at Upton, Pennsylvania.

(3) Nellie Welsh, born November 1, 1880. Married October 7, 1910, Leroy Faust. Their home is in Shiloh, New Jersey.

(4) Blanch Welsh, born March 29, 1882.

KATHARYN FREY

Daughter of Jacob and Mary (Ruthrauff) Frey, born April 23, 1861. Married George Good. Their home is in Berwin, Illinois. There were no children to this marriage.

Harriet Louisa Frey, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Ruthrauff) Frey, born August 25, 1867. Was married December 16, 1890, to Samuel W. Shindel. They are farmers and live in Upton, Pennsylvania. To this union six children were born:

(1) Charles Ray Shindel, born May 7, 1892. Now has a vulcanizing shop in Washington, D. C.

(2) Howard Franklin Shindel, born February 13, 1895. Works in auto paint shop, Chicago, Illinois.

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(3) Mary Blanche Shindel, born June 22, 1897. Was married September 14, 1919, to Ralph Miller Fries, and they have one son, William (or Billy) Fries, born August 7, 1921. They are farmers.

(4) Jacob Earl Shindel, born July 14, 1900. Electrician at New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Shops, New York City.

(5) Myra Louise Shindel, born March 31, 1903. Single and living at home (1924).

(6) Samuel Ralph Shindel, born May 25, 1908. Also at home.

CHAPTER LV

CHRISTINA ROTROFF

Daughter of Jonas and Katherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff, born April 5, 1824, died July 22, 1896. Married July 29, 1841, to George Pensinger. Their home was in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and to this union eleven children were born:

(1) W. H. Pensinger, married September 1, 1860, Louisa M. Wonderlich. Tipton, Pennsylvania.

(2) Mary Pensinger, married David Cresswell. Not living. Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

(3) Kathryn Pensinger, married Calvin Hager. Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

(4) Jacob Pensinger, married Hattie Glass. California.

(5) Luther Pensinger, married Jennie Holt. Ids Clause, California.

(6) John T. Pensinger, married Louisa Shaffer. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

(7) Elizabeth Pensinger, married W. Alfred Lesh. Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

(8) George Pensinger, Jr., married Mary Bricker. Illinois.

(9) Abraham L. Pensinger, married Belle Ritter. Illinois.

(10) Margaret Pensinger, married William Brenisen. Muncie, Pennsylvania.

(11) Maria Pensinger, married Harry Gearhart.

WILLIAM H. PENSINGER

Son of George and Christina (Ruthrauff) Pensinger. No date of his birth. He married September 1, 1860,

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Miss Louisa M. Wonderlich. Their home is in Topton, Pennsylvania, and they have six children, as follows:

(1) Mary Pensinger, married Reymer G. Haulman, a millwright. He died and his widow and their children live at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The children are:

- (a) Louisa A. Haulman, married Martin L. Stoyer.
 - (b) Hazel M. Haulman, married Walter A. Paxton.
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(2) George Pensinger, married Lillie Shaffner. Their children are:

- (a) Blanche Pensinger, married Clifford Meeks.
 - (b) Edgar Pensinger, dead. No date. Married Helen Denison.
 - (c) Louisa Pensinger, married Noel Deacon.
 - (d) Ella Pensinger, married John Wishart.
 - (e) Russell Pensinger.
 - (f) Albert Pensinger.
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(3) Nelly M. Pensinger, married Charles Davidson. Their children are:

- (a) Louisa Davidson, married Dave McAlester.
 - (b) William Davidson.
 - (c) Paul Davidson.
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(4) William Pensinger, married Emma Borron. Their children are:

- (a) Ray Pensinger.
 - (b) Walter Pensinger.
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(5) Maud Pensinger, married Edward Bowman. Their children are as follows:

- (a) William Frank Bowman, married Anna Erb.
- (b) Carl Bowman.

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(6) Jessie Pensinger, married Harry Arnold. Their fine family of ten children are as follows:

- (a) Elizabeth Arnold, married George Pensinger.
- (b) Kathryn Arnold.
- (c) Ethel Arnold.
- (d) Pauline Arnold.
- (e) Robert Arnold.
- (f) Maurice Arnold.
- (g) Helen Arnold.
- (h) Fred Arnold.
- (i) Ross Arnold.
- (j) Charles Kehr Arnold.

This ends the record of W. H. and Louisa (Wonderlich) Pensinger, their children and grandchildren.

ELIZABETH

I have also a record of a child, Elizabeth Ruthrauff, daughter of Jonas and Catherine Ruthrauff, who from the names of her parents, might be a daughter of Jonas and Katherine (Hussong) Ruthrauff, but if the dates are correct, this could not be, as she was born November 7, 1777, and died 1791. Fourteen years of age. Her grave was found in a small old cemetery, near Louck's School House, beside the grave of Philip Kreber, great great-grandfather of Mr. J. B. Hamma, of York, Pennsylvania, who gave me the record of it.

CHAPTER LVI

WILLIAM JOHN RUTROUGH

Of the two Rutroughs, John and Henry, who came to Floyd County from Botetourt County, adjoining, we have records of William John's family, only.

William J. was born February 5, 1790. We have no record of his father or grandfather, but he was a descendant of the brother of Jonas (son of Johannes) who with this brother, came from Chester County, Pennsylvania, to Botetourt County, Virginia, and were early settlers there.

William J. married Elizabeth Sowers, born April 23, 1797. They were married December 24, 1812, and were parents of the following eight children:

(1) Solomon Rutrough, born November 17, 1813, died 1897.

(2) Polly Rutrough, born July 1, 1815.

(3) Sally Rutrough, born May 19, 1817.

(4) Nancy Rutrough, born March 15, 1819.

(5) Catherine Rutrough, born January 6, 1821.

(6) Peggy Rutrough, born February 23, 1823.

(7) John Rutrough, born February 24, 1826, died 1830.

(8) Elizabeth Rutrough, born May 5, 1828.

The descendants of William J. Rutrough spell their name "Rutrough," and those of his brother, "Henry," spell theirs "Rutroff."

SOLOMON RUTROUGH

Son of William J. and Elizabeth (Sowers) Rutrough, born November 17, 1813, died 1897, Floyd County, Vir-

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ginia. Married Evalina Hobach, born April 21, 1823. Died December, 1901. They were parents of eleven children, as follows:

(1) Jacob W. Rutrough, born February 3, 1844. Lives in Floyd, Virginia.

(2) Scynthia Ann Rutrough, born June 10, 1846, Floyd, Virginia.

(3) Andrew J. Rutrough, born May 30, 1848, Floyd, Virginia.

(4) Elizabeth C. Rutrough, born November 13, 1850, Floyd, Virginia.

(5) Joseph H. Rutrough, born September 27, 1853, Roanoke, Virginia.

(6) Franklin P. Rutrough, born February 2, 1856, Roanoke, Virginia.

(7) Julia A. Rutrough, born November 17, 1857, Floyd, Virginia.

(8) John P. Rutrough, born October 19, 1859, Roanoke, Virginia.

(9) Lee D. Rutrough, born June 7, 1861, Floyd, Virginia.

(10) Samuel T. Rutrough, born February 20, 1863.

(11) Mary M. Rutrough, born June 13, 1865, West Virginia.

JACOB W. RUTROUGH

Son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born Floyd, Virginia, February 3, 1844. Married, first wife, October 4, 1866, Sarah F. Nabb Blackwell, born December 25, 1842, died August 2, 1876. They had four sons and two daughters:

(1) James W. Rutrough, born July 18, 1867. Lives in West.

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(2) John T. Rutrough, born May 15, 1869. Lives Rocky Jnt., Virginia.

(3) Amanda M. Rutrough, born November 13, 1870, died August 25, 1871.

(4) David S. Rutrough, born June 20, 1872, Floyd, Virginia, married Miss ——— Bowers.

(5) Lydia E. Rutrough, born November 14, 1874, died March 21, 1916. Married Mr. ——— Beckner.

(6) Harvey L. Rutrough, born April 14, 1876, died June 15, 1876.

Jacob W. Rutrough married March 1, 1877, a second wife, Hannah Flora, born June 27, 1840, died November 24, 1905. To this union there were three children born, as follows:

(1) Juda M. Rutrough, born August 1, 1878, died February 14, 1914. Married Mr. Janney.

(2) Cynthia C. Rutrough, born May 1, 1881, died April 26, 1904. Married Mr. Janney.

(3) Susan E. Rutrough, born October 25, 1883; died October 22, 1906. Married Mr. Janney.

Jacob W. Rutrough married August 12, 1906, a third wife, Elma C. Black, born October 15, 1870, who, with her husband, is still living. To this union was born one son:

(1) Jesse F. Rutrough, born December 12, 1913.

SCYNTHIA ANN RUTROUGH

Daughter of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born June 10, 1846, Floyd, Virginia. Married Walter Richards. They have four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows:

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- (1) Solomon Richards.
 - (2) James A. Richards.
 - (3) Jennie Richards.
 - (4) Elizabeth Richards.
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ANDREW J. RUTROUGH

Son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born Floyd, Virginia, May 30, 1848. Married Martha A. —, born March 31, 1849; died October 8, 1916. They are parents of thirteen children, as follows:

(1) William J. Rutrough, born October 21, 1872; died March 22, 1890.

(2) Alma Rutrough, born October 15, 1873. Married J. A. Naff (or Nabb), April, 1903. They have two children. No names.

(3) John S. Rutrough, born February 4, 1875. Lives Nashville, Tennessee.

(4) Arthur J. Rutrough, born January 3, 1877.

(5) Joseph C. Rutrough, born November 22, 1878.

(6) Daisy C. Rutrough, born September 20, 1880.

(7) Henry C. Rutrough, born April 15, 1882. Lives Chicago, Illinois.

(8) George H. Rutrough, born July 22, 1883.

(9) Mary E. Rutrough, born March 23, 1885.

(10) Linnie A. Rutrough, born July 5, 1887; died October 13, 1895.

(11) Gay Rutrough, born July 21, 1890; died October 11, 1895.

(12) Albert C. Rutrough, born May 14, 1893. Lives in Floyd, Virginia. Married and has four children.

(13) Roscoe J. Rutrough, born January 5, 1895. Lives in Floyd, Virginia, with his father.

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Elizabeth C. Rutrough, daughter of Solomon Rutrough, born November 13, 1850, and died October 8, 1922. Was married in the home of her father, Solomon Rutrough, December 21, 1869, by William Foster, to Josephus A. Mitchell, born December 22, 1840; died March 13, 1891. To this union there were seven children born:

- (1) Roenia A. Mitchell, born June 5, 1873.
- (2) Charles H. Mitchell, born May 2, 1876.
- (3) Thomas A. Mitchell, born October 7, 1878.
- (4) John F. Mitchell, born July 1, 1880.
- (5) Carrie E. Mitchell, born June 7, 1882.
- (6) James S. Mitchell, born January 11, 1884.
- (7) Cora E. Mitchell, born November 28, 1886.

PROF. JOSEPH H. RUTROUGH, A.B., A.M.

Son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born September 27, 1853. Graduate of Milligan College, with the degrees of A.B. and A.M., and has since been a teacher in college and high schools for forty years or more, and is retired on a pension. Married Ida R. Staples, born January 10, 1863, and to this union six children were born, as follows:

- (1) Joseph C. Rutrough, M.D., born October 17, 1884. Lives in Willis, Virginia.
- (2) Bruce W. Rutrough, dentist, born August 31, 1890. Lives in Baltimore, Maryland.
- (3) Jesse E. Rutrough, dentist, born November 25, 1893. Lives in Roanoke, Virginia. Married Ethlyn Smith, June 21, 1915. They have one child, Charlotte Ross, born February 10, 1918.

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(4) Emoia Andrew Rutrough, born January 4, 1897. Member of Bush & Hancock Clothing Store, Roanoke, Virginia. Married Martha M. Willis, September 7, 1920.

(5) Julian J. Rutrough, born January 30, 1902, Roanoke, Virginia.

(6) Edna Earl Rutrough, born August 28, 1883. Lives Roanoke, Virginia. Married Dr. Roy Williams, December 28, 1904. They have one daughter, Ruth Marie Williams, who was married to Eugene Urick, October 13, 1922, and they are living in Roanoke, Virginia.

Joseph C. Rutrough, M.D., married Minnie E. Sutherland, August 18, 1915, and have three children, as follows:

(1) Maurice Garland Rutrough, born February 15, 1917.

(2) Vernon Staples Rutrough, born November 12, 1918.

(3) Joseph Cleveland Rutrough, Jr., born June —, 1923.

(2) Bruce W. Rutrough, son of J. H. and Ida (Staples) Rutrough, is a graduate in dentistry of the University of Maryland. Practicing in Roanoke, Virginia.

(5) Julian J. Rutrough, son of J. H. and Ida (Staples) Rutrough, lives in Roanoke, Virginia, and is manager of the shoe department of Gilmer's large department store.

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Franklin Pierce Rutrough, son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born Floyd County, Virginia, February 2, 1856. Farmer. Married September 25, 1888, Eva Huff. They are the parents of four children, as follows:

(1) Florence L. Rutrough, born January 20, 1890. Lives Roanoke, Virginia.

(2) Henry H. Rutrough, born January 2, 1892. Lives Roanoke, Virginia.

(3) Pauline Rutrough, born April 11, 1894. Lives Roanoke, Virginia.

(4) Eva V. Rutrough, born September 25, 1898. Lives Richland, Virginia. Eva V. Rutrough was married to Raleigh A. Bagley, of Nyrock, North Carolina, September 14, 1921, and they live in Richland, Virginia.

FLORENCE L. RUTROUGH

Daughter of Franklin P. and Eva (Huff) Rutrough, was married October 22, 1913, to J. S. Metcalf, of Winchester, Kentucky, and they have two children:

(a) Charles W. Metcalf, born July 25, 1914, Pineville, Kentucky.

(b) Martha P. Metcalf, born September 21, 1918, Winchester, Kentucky.

PAULINE RUTROUGH

Daughter of Franklin P. and Eva (Huff) Rutrough, was married October 31, 1917, to O. B. Watson. Their home is in Roanoke, Virginia, and they are the parents of one son.

(a) Richard F. Watson, born February 28, 1923, in Richmond, Virginia.

JULIA A. RUTROUGH

Daughter of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born November 17, 1857, Floyd, Virginia. Married Stephen Board, and they have had two sons and two daughters, whose names I did not get.

JOHN P. RUTROUGH

Son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born October 19, 1859, Roanoke, Virginia. Married Ellen Sowers, and they had four children, as follows:

- (1) Archa Rutrough.
 - (2) Lester Rutrough. Not living.
 - (3) Frank Rutrough.
 - (4) Coran Rutrough.
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LEE D. RUTROUGH

Son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born June 7, 1861. Farmer. Married Theodis E. Epperly, born March 24, 1864; died August 5, 1890. To this union there were three children born, as follows:

- (1) William H. Rutrough, born March 2, 1885, Floyd, Virginia.
- (2) Clara M. Rutrough, born February 17, 1888, Floyd, Virginia.
- (3) Ida M. Rutrough, born July 24, 1889, Floyd, Virginia.

Lee D. married a second wife, Sarah B. Aldridge, born March 23, 1870, and to this union there were two children:

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(1) Edith Rutrough, born November 11, 1894; died November 11, 1894.

(2) Myrtle Dove Rutrough, born May 12, 1898. Lives Roanoke, Virginia. Married Mr. Murphy.

SAMUEL T. RUTROUGH

Son of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born February 20, 1863. Married Amanda Sowers. No further data, except that he was a farmer and school teacher. They were the parents of three children, as follows:

(1) Noah Rutrough, in West Virginia.

(2) Fred Rutrough, lives in New York. Interested in a large bank.

(3) Margaret Rutrough. Is married, but I have no further data.

MARY M. RUTROUGH

Daughter of Solomon and Evalina (Hobach) Rutrough, born June 13, 1865. Was married to Maynard Kennet. They have sons and daughters, but I have not learned their names nor the number of them. Their home is in West Virginia.

This ends the data I have of the descendants of William J. and Elizabeth (Sowers) Rutrough, for which I am indebted to Prof. Joseph H. Rutrough, of Roanoke, Virginia.

CHAPTER LVII
PHILLIP RUTHRAUFF

Son of Joseph Ruthrauff.

We find in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the following descendants of Phillip Ruthrauff, who married Nancy Leggett. The date of his birth is not known, but from the birth dates of his children he was of the same generation of my father, Henry Ruthrauff, born 1811, and that would leave two generations to account for, to place him in the descendants of Johannes, whose descendants I am sure they are, on account of family resemblance, tradition and nativity. Also the predominating name of Phillip leads me to suspect they are the descendants of Phillip, son of Johannes, though no one seems able to get the record of it. I had hoped this might be found in the "Quaker Church" of Chester County.

Phillip Ruthrauff and Nancy, his wife, lived near Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Don't know whether he had any brothers or sisters or not. At one time he was a distiller and worth \$40,000 to \$50,000, and lost it all by indorsing notes and helping others.

They most certainly are descendants of Johannes. However, their names are Ruthrauff, and they naturally have a place in the book.

Phillip and Nancy (Leggett) Ruthrauff were the parents of seven children:

(1) Joseph Ruthrauff, born 1826. Married Nancy Welty.

(2) Phillip Ruthrauff, born 1832. Married Susan J. Sweigart.

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(3) Jonas Ruthrauff. No date, and unmarried.

(4) Caroline Ruthrauff. No date. Married William Rummel.

(5) Eliza Ruthrauff. No date. Married ———
Barncord.

(6) Sarah Ruthrauff. No date. Married ———
Robinson.

(7) Lydia Ruthrauff. No date. Married John
Brindle.

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PHILLIP RUTHRAUFF

Son of Phillip and Nancy (Leggett) Ruthrauff, was five feet nine inches tall, gray eyes and sandy hair, born April 1, 1832; died May 4, 1910, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Married Susan Jane Sweigart, born June 6, 1835; died January 26, 1901.

Phillip Ruthrauff, as a young man, went to work for Abraham Keiffer, of Rockdale, near Williamson, Franklin County, and worked on his farm for thirty years, living in the tenant house of the farm for twenty-five years. This was a log cabin a story and a half high. The entire family, with two exceptions, were born in this house. He was always a good provider and a good father.

In the year 1885 he left the employ of Mr. Keiffer and moved to Williamson, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in hauling cream and milk for the creamery situated there. Both he and his wife were active Christians and church workers for many years, first as United Brethren, and later German Reformed Church at Williamson, Pennsylvania.

He was in the civil war, a corporal, Company A, 20th Regiment, Pennsylvania Mounted Volunteers. To Phillip and Susan (Sweigart) Ruthrauff were born ten children, as follows:

(1) Emma E. Ruthrauff, born February 7, 1853. Lives in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. Married Jacob Lowanse, farmer.

(2) Mary K. Ruthrauff, born May 19, 1856. Lives Bainbridge, Pennsylvania. Married Christian Demmy, blacksmith.

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(3) Frances Ann Rebecca Ruthrauff, born September 12, 1858. Lived Marion, Pennsylvania. Married Wallace Micheals, railroad foreman. Live in Chambersburg.

(4) Ida Verginia Ruthrauff, born January 11, 1861. Lives in Frederick, Maryland. Married George D. Miller, expressman, American Express Company.

(5) George Bruce McClellan Ruthrauff, painter, born July 5, 1862; died August 8, 1905. Lived Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Married Zilpha R. Haulman.

(6) Maurice Clinton Ruthrauff, born January 16, 1867; died January 1, 1911, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Married Susan B. Chaires.

(7) John Wesley Ruthrauff, born July 22, 1869, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Married Miami Fisher, first, and second wife, Kathryn Lightcup.

(8) Infant; no dates.

(9) William Edgar Ruthrauff, born July, 1874. Superintendent American Stores Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Married Millicent Alice Cook, born April 24, 1885 (Isle of Wight, England).

HARRY STOTLER RUTHRAUFF

(10) *Harry Stotler Ruthrauff*, son of Phillip and Susan Jane (Sweigart) Ruthrauff, born Williamson, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1876. Attended public school at Williamson, and after leaving school worked in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, at carriage painting and later worked at painting in Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and came to Philadelphia in 1897 and worked at painting until 1914, when he went into automobile painting and upholstering with his brother John. A very successful business.

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June 10, 1903, he married Annie Shugg, of Philadelphia, daughter of Richard and Margaret Shugg. Richard Shugg was born in England, and his wife, Margaret, in Ireland. To Harry S. and Annie (Shugg) Ruthrauff two sons were born:

(1) William E. Ruthrauff, born December 21, 1905. Now, 1925, employed in an insurance office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(2) Harry S. Ruthrauff, Jr., born December 7, 1906. A high school student.

Harry, Jonas and Maurice were fine violinists, and Maurice was a composer, etc.

WILLIAM EDGAR RUTHRAUFF

William Edgar Ruthrauff, son of Phillip and Susan Jane (Sweigart) Ruthrauff, was born July 6, 1874, near Williamson, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. At the age of sixteen he entered the employ of E. H. Hogerman, General Merchandise Store, of Williamson, and worked for same four years. He then settled in Philadelphia in 1895, worked one year for Joseph Wurster, 817 Vine Street, and in the year of 1896 went to work for the Acme Tea Company (now American Stores Company). Since 1910 has been superintendent of packing department, which bottles and cartons all products sold in the 1,200 stores of the company. He was married October 23, 1906, to Millicent A. Cook, of Philadelphia, born on Isle of Wight, England, April 24, 1885. They had four children:

(1) Millicent Alice, aged three days, born January 2, 1908; died January 5, 1908.

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- (2) Thelma Louise, born May 15, 1909.
 - (3) William Edgar, Jr., born April 7, 1911.
 - (4) Anna Marie, aged eight days, born October 10, 1915; died October 18, 1915.
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JOHN WESLEY RUTHRAUFF

John Wesley Ruthrauff, Aldan, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, son of Phillip and Susan J. (Sweigart) Ruthrauff, was born at Williamson, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1869. After finishing school, learned the carriage painting trade, serving two years' apprenticeship at Carey, Ohio, and two years at Columbia, Pennsylvania. After working in York, Greencastle and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, in 1898, working at carriage painting until the advent of the automobile. Then took charge of the paint department of the Dragon Automobile Company, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In 1910 took charge of the painting and sign painting department of the Acme Tea Company, a large chain grocery store company of Philadelphia, until 1919. Then entered into partnership with his brother Harry in the automobile painting and auto top business in Philadelphia. In 1911 joined the Lutheran Church and has been active in church work since that time.

Was married to Miami E. Fisher, Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, May, 1891. There were three children:

- (1) Ida Peck Ruthrauff, born June 5, 1892. Married John Whalen, of Philadelphia.
- (2) Leah Beatrice Ruthrauff, born September 8, 1894. Married Leo Cosgrove, of Philadelphia.

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(3) Susan Jane Ruthrauff, born January 10, 1896; died August 23, 1896.

Miami (wife) died February, 1896.

Married Mary Katherine Lightcap, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1899. There were five children:

(1) Alice Katherine Ruthrauff, born April 22, 1900. Married Harris H. McConnell, Camden, New Jersey.

(2) Myrtle Lightcap Ruthrauff, born October 17, 1901. Married G. Harold Hill, Camden, New Jersey.

(3) Lydia Sarah Ruthrauff, born April 6, 1903; died June 9, 1903.

(4) John Wesley Ruthrauff, Jr., born July 16, 1904; died May 6, 1905.

(5) Maurice Clinton Ruthrauff, born February 1, 1906; died December 19, 1907.

Grandchildren.

Children of John and Ida (Ruthrauff) Whalen:

(1) John Whalen, Jr., born December 5, 1917.

(2) James Whalen, born December 28, 1919.

(3) Mary Whalen, born December 5, 1922.

(4) Robert Whalen, born November 3, 1924.

Children of Leo and Leah (Ruthrauff) Cosgrove:

(1) Leo Cosgrove, Jr., born April 17, 1917.

(2) Thelma Cosgrove, born May 5, 1920.

(3) Kathleen Cosgrove, born April 13, 1921.

(4) William Cosgrove, born June 8, 1922.

(5) Leatrice Cosgrove, born May 18, 1923.

CHAPTER LIX

JOSEPH RUTHRAUFF

Son of Phillip and Nancy (Leggett) Ruthrauff, born Smithsburg, Maryland; lived Philo, Maryland, near Hagerstown; born November 24, 1826; died July 24, 1904. No date of his marriage to Nancy Welty, born Smithsburg, Maryland, November 22, 1824. No other data, except to this union there were twelve children born, as follows:

(1) Anna Kate Ruthrauff, born December 30, 1851. Married James Hartman, Shady Grove, Pennsylvania.

(2) Mary B. Ruthrauff, born March 29, 1853, Wingerton, Pennsylvania. Married Jacob Minich.

(3) Sarah Ruthrauff, born May 19, 1854, Smithsburg, Maryland.

(4) John B. Ruthrauff, born October 18, 1855; died March 25, 1910, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Married Mary Catherine Foreman, March 16, 1848, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

(5) A. Welty Ruthrauff, born February 10, 1858, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Married Emma Sprenkle, October 4, 1859.

(6) George H. Ruthrauff, born July 15, 1860, Blue Ridge, Summit County, Pennsylvania. Married Susan Zahn.

(7) Emma J. Ruthrauff, Tracy E. Ruthrauff, twins, born July 7, 1862, Smithsburg, Pennsylvania.

(9) Lizzie Ruthrauff, born October 4, 1863; died June, 1898, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

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(10) Susan W. Ruthrauff, born September 30, 1865, Smithsburg, Pennsylvania.

(11) Barbara E. Ruthrauff, born February 28, 1869. Married Johnathan Kline, born February 15, 1863.

REV. JOHN B. RUTHRAUFF

Son of Joseph and Nancy (Welty) Ruthrauff, born Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1855; died March 25, 1910. Married December 23, 1880, Mary Catherine Foreman. Elder of the Church of the Brethren, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. No further data, except that they were the parents of four children:

(1) M. Nellie F. Ruthrauff, born October 14, 1881, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Married Ira L. Wingert, born September 22, 1881, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

(2) J. S. F. Ruthrauff, born February 8, 1884, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Instructor pipe organ, piano and in history in Girard College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Unmarried. Graduate Junita College, A.B., 1908. Graduate Junita Business College, 1908, and student Columbia University, 1912. Graduate student, University of Pennsylvania, candidate A.M., 1915. Formerly Superintendent of Schools, Philadelphia, Pa., 1908-1919.

(3) Gertrude K. F. Ruthrauff, born July 8, 1886, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

(4) I. Blanche F. Ruthrauff, born May 13, 1890, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Married D. G. Oller, born March 29, 1892.

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A. WELTY RUTHRAUFF

Son of Joseph and Nancy (Welty) Ruthrauff, born Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1858. Married Emma S. Sprenkle, born Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1859. To this union there were four children, as follows:

(1) Jessie Ruthrauff, born February 12, 1880, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Married Howard Kadel, born June 28, 1877, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

(2) Mark Ruthrauff, born October 14, 1881; died August 14, 1882.

(3) C. Mabel Ruthrauff, born January 22, 1883, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

(4) Infant, born March 9, 1884; died March 9, 1884.

BARBARA RUTHRAUFF

Daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Welty) Ruthrauff, born February 28, 1868. Married Johnathan Kline, born February 15, 1863. No data, except that to them three children were born, as follows:

(1) Elmer F. Kline, born September 13, 1899, Smithburg, Maryland. Married Lothie Ott.

(2) Daniel C. Kline, born March 21, 1901, Smithburg, Maryland.

(3) Joseph Kline, born October 1, 1902, Smithburg, Maryland. Married Edna M. Sheldon.

CHAPTER LX

HENRY RUDRAUFF

Henry Rudrauff, son of ————. No dates of birth or marriage.

We find in Philadelphia and Ashley, Pennsylvania, a branch of the family who spell their name the old German way, and who claim descent from Johannes, but who lack two generations of connecting up with Johannes, but who are, no doubt, descended from one of his sons. Henry Rudrauff married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mary Anna Mingle. No dates of birth, marriage or death, but their issue was nine children, as follows:

- (1) Katherine Rudrauff.
- (2) Louise Rudrauff.
- (3) Matilda Rudrauff.
- (4) Elizabeth Rudrauff.
- (5) Harry Rudrauff.
- (6) Charles Rudrauff.
- (7) Peter Rudrauff.
- (8) George Rudrauff.
- (9) Godfrey Rudrauff, who died in infancy.

Henry Rudrauff (father of Charles) had two sisters, Louisa (Lauster), Katherine (Rau). Brother Eberhardt, who lived somewhere in Middle West, and who was known as Eberhardt Rudolph.

This family has a dim idea of the name originally having been Ruthrauff.

Henry Rudrauff (father of Charles) and Mary Mingle, wife, nine children:

- (1) Katherine, married Fred Maurer. Children: Fred (1849-1922), Howard, Conard, Mary (Faunce), sev-

ERRATA: Omitted by Error.

MARY ANNA RUDRAUFF

Mary Anna, daughter of Henry and Mary Anna (Mingle) Rudrauff, born at Philadelphia, Pa., February 2, 1840; died Ashley, Pa., January 4, 1897. Married at the age of sixteen Charles D. Geissler. They were the parents of nine children:

(1) Charles, married Kate Gross. Their issue was:

1. Edwin, died in infancy.
2. Helen.
3. Theodore.
4. Harry.
5. Emily.

(2) Harry, married Emma Kneas. No issue.

(3) Louise, married Sterling E. Wells. Their issue was:

1. Elsie, died in childhood.
2. Howard.
3. Willard.

(4) Mame, unmarried.

(5) Amelia, married George Nesbitt. Their issue was:

1. Carl.
2. Mary.

(6) George, died at the age of fourteen.

(7) Katherine, married Nicholas Fox. No issue.

(8) Elizabeth, married Harry Enterline. Their issue was:

1. Charles, died in infancy.
2. Louise.
3. Elizabeth.

(9) Lilly, married William P. Engleman. Their issue was:

1. Katherine.
2. Ruth.

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eral children. Charles, (daughter Lillie), Kate (Afflerbach), Emma.

(2) Louise (1832-1916) married John L. Bowman (1824-1894). No children.

(3) Matilde, married John Love, of New York. Two children: Olive (Bain), New York; Margaret (Seymour), New York.

(4) Elizabeth, married Linus Smith. Several children.

(5) Harry.

(6) Charles.

(7) Peter—lived at Ashley, Pennsylvania.

(8) George.

(9) Godfry.

Charles Christian Rudrauff, born January 1, 1838; died November 12, 1906. A Philadelphian. Served in Civil War, 1861-65, enlisted with 9th New Jersey Regiment when refused in Pennsylvania because of age. Later re-enlisted with 198 Pennsylvania Volunteers, a corporal and personal aide to U. S. Grant. Wounded twice, not serious. Tailor by trade. Son of Henry Rudrauff and Mary Mingle. Married December 24, 1871, to Salinda C. Lee, of Leesburg, New Jersey, who was born January 26, 1846, a daughter of John and Hannah (Errickson) Lee. Children:

(1) Charles Raymond R., born April 28, 1873. Married Flora M. (Stagner) R., born March, 1873; died June 12, 1912. Two children: Charles Raymond, Jr., born February 4, 1906. Raymond Holcombe, born August 11, 1908. Engaged in jewelry business. Address, Narberth, Pennsylvania. Melita Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M.; Philadelphia Consistory, Mary Commandary, Lu Lu Temple.

(2) Ella Salinda Rudrauff (twin), born April 24, 1875; died July 25, 1875.

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(3) Howard Thompson (R.) (twin), born April 24, 1875; died March 7, 1876.

(4) Edna May (R.), born August 19, 1876; died April 8, 1877.

(5) Roland Lee (R.), born January 9, 1880. Married Elizabeth (Heebner*) (R.), October 5, 1904. Children (by adoption):

Kenneth Heebner (R.), died April 29, 1915; born May 10, 1902.

Alfred Heebner (R.), born December 19, 1916.

Roland Lee (R.), a graduate of the Pennsylvania School of Industrial Art. Teacher of art in Philadelphia Public High Schools (now located at Germantown H. S.). Also taught engineering subjects at Drexel Institute of Art and Industry. Practiced engineering at Cramps Shipyard and during the war redesigned torpedo boat destroyers at League Island Navy Yard. Qualified as reinforced concrete designer during the war in planning the great Alameda plant (shipbuilding) for the Pacific Coast. Successfully directed Liberty Loan drives in the high schools when money was raised for financing the war, the Germantown High School holding the record several times for the greatest subscriptions in the city among the high schools. Engaged also as a designing engineer for Philadelphia filtration system; and for the original layout for the Broad Street Subway under A. Merritt Taylor. Member Engineers' Club of Philadelphia. A Presbyterian, having been associate superintendent of the Sabbath School, also a deacon and elder of the church (Tioga Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia). Member Univ. Loge 610, F. & A. M. Member Phila-

*Elizabeth Heebner, born September 6, 1882, daughter of Alfred and Tillie (Mason) Heebner (father, a Methodist minister), and a descendant of the Schwenkfelders.

delphia Consistory. Member Lu Lu Temple. 219 Washington Lane, Jenkintown.

(6) Genevieve Gray (R.), born October 18, 1885. Married Edward James Tague, July 28, 1909. One child, Edward James, Jr., born May 29, 1910. Address, Narberth, Pennsylvania.

(7) Ruby Salinda (R.), born December 4, 1888. Married Walter Joseph Devine. One child, Walter Joseph, Jr., born October 21, 1908. Address, 4427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

PETER RUDRAUFF

Peter Rudrauff, son of Henry and Mary Anna (Mingle) Rudrauff, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1842; died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1898. He was a man of sterling character and had a splendid Civil War record. Enlisted as a private in Co. F, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteers, mustered May 28, 1861; mustered out July 2, 1864. Commissioned as second lieutenant, Co. K, 40th New Jersey Volunteers, mustered March 10, 1865; promoted to first lieutenant Co. F, July, 1865; mustered out July 13, 1865.

At the time of his death he was one of the leading architects in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. July 14, 1864, he married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Catherine H. Clinton, born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1842; died Ashley, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1883. They were the parents of two children:

(1) Mary Ellen Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1874.

(2) Laura Clinton Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1878.

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Peter Rudrauff married his second wife, Josephine Miles Parker, born in Bordentown, New Jersey, October 28, 1855, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1885, and to their union three daughters were born, as follows:

(1) Anna Parker Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1887.

(2) Marian Virginia Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1888.

(3) Rachel Carmen Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1891.

LAURA C. RUDRAUFF

Daughter of Peter and Catherine (Clinton) Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pa., November 18, 1878; was married at Ashley, Pa., September 11, 1901, to David Curtis Harrower, assistant Editor of the Wall Street Journal, N. Y.

Their issue was two sons:

1. Clinton Rudrauff Harrower, born Ashley, Pa., September 8, 1903, who is now (1925) in his second year at Princeton University.

2. Wilbur Parkhurst Harrower, born Keyport, N. J., August 14, 1906, and is now (1925) preparing at Newark Academy for Princeton University.

MARIAN VIRGINIA RUDRAUFF

Second daughter of Peter and Josephine Miles (Parker) Rudrauff, born Ashley, Pa., November 11, 1888; was married at Scranton, Pa., August 4, 1917, to Frank Paul Strome, M. D., who is an officer in the Medical Corps,



A PAGE OF DISTANT COUSINS.

(Note the resemblance.)

- 1—Mary Hoover Secrest, Wooster, Ohio.
- 2—Edith Sophia Secrest, Wooster, Ohio.
- 3—Richard Rudrauff Strome, Washington, D. C.
- 4—Benton Boyd Shook, Akron, Ohio.
- 5—Alice M. Doering, Coffeyville, Kansas.
- 6—Robert Montague Hoover, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 7—Judith Chapman Strome, Washington, D. C.

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U. S. Army; served in France during the World War and since 1921 has been Electro-cardiologist at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania. (Medico Chirurgical College) 1915, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Fellow of the American Medical Association and a Member of the American Congress on Internal Medicine.

Their issue is as follows:

1. Richard Rudrauff Strome, born Ashley, Pa., May 12, 1920.
2. Josephine Parker Strome, born Washington, D. C., November 24, 1922; died Washington, D. C., November 25, 1922.
3. Judith Chapman Strome, born Washington, D. C., June 1, 1924.

CHAPTER LXI

WILLIAM RUTHRAUFF

Son of ——— and Mary (Silves) Ruthrauff, born October 18, 1817, died February 13, 1887; of the Pennsylvania family; married Mary Snyder, born September 19, 1822, died January 25, 1870. To them were born the following children:

(1) Elihu Ruthrauff, born September 20, 1844, died 1919, Newcastle, Pennsylvania. Married Lizzie McConnell.

(2) Hiram Ruthrauff, born December 13, 1845. Married Martha Hollibaugh, born December 29, 1844.

(3) Andrew S. Ruthrauff, born December, 1847, died February, 1919, Astoria, Oregon. First wife, Sarah Dunmire; second wife, Mary Long.

(4) William Ruthrauff, born April 21, 1849, died 1910, Coffeyville, Kansas. Married Lizzie Boone.

(5) Aaron Daniel Ruthrauff, born March 3, 1856, died February 28, 1901. Married Ella Gilland, who died in Coffeyville, Kansas, 1890.

(1) Elihu Ruthrauff, born September 20, 1844, died Newcastle, 1919; son of William and Mary (Snyder) Ruthrauff; married Lizzie McConnell and they were the parents of five children, as follows:

(a) Ida Ruthrauff.

(b) Margaret Ruthrauff.

(c) Belle Ruthrauff.

(d) Blanche Ruthrauff.

(e) James Ruthrauff.

No further record of this family.

HIRAM RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Mary (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born December 13, 1845, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania; married July 8, 1865, Martha A. Hollibaugh, born December 29, 1844, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Their children are as follows:

(1) James Alfred Ruthrauff, born August 18, 1868, Hicksville, Ohio.

(2) William Edward Ruthrauff, born August 29, 1874, Hicksville, Ohio.

(3) Frank L. Ruthrauff, born December 12, 1880, Coffeyville, Kansas.

(4) Sadie Amelia Ruthrauff, born May 4, 1866, Hicksville, Ohio.

(5) Amy May Ruthrauff, born August 29, 1872, Hicksville, Ohio.

Sadie Amelia Ruthrauff, daughter of Hiram and Martha A. (Hollibaugh) Ruthrauff, born May 4, 1866, in Hicksville, Ohio, was married August 18, 1883, in Coffeyville, Kansas, to John Thomas Cavanor, born December 7, 1858, in Missouri. To them were born four children, as follows:

(a) Elta Blanche Cavanor, born December 9, 1884, Coffeyville, Kansas. Married William E. Piper, born December 5, 1884. They have one son, W. Arthur Piper, born February 2, 1902.

(b) Jessie Cavanor, born November 8, 1886, Coffeyville, Kansas; married Frank L. Foster, born October 9, 1882, Elk City, Kansas. They have six children but I have not their names.

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(c) Margery Cavanor, born November 1, 1888, Coffeyville, Kansas. Married Bert Holts. They are parents of three children.

(d) Clarence Walter Cavanor, born March 11, 1894, Coffeyville, Kansas. Married Effie Gertrude Ragan, March 31, 1901, in Oklahoma. No children to this marriage.

(2) James Alfred Ruthrauff, son of Hiram and Martha A. (Hollibaugh) Ruthrauff, born Hicksville, Ohio, August 18, 1868. Grew up in his father's home and is associated with his brother, William Edward, in Ruthrauff Brothers Planing Mill, in Coffeyville, Kansas. July 26, 1893, he married Alma Zebiah Frazier, born September 13, 1870, Fort Wayne, Indiana. [Oldest child of William Jacob Frazier, born February 23, 1843, Zanesville, Ohio, died Coffeyville, Kansas, March 9, 1916. Son of John and Zebiah (Crumbaker) Frazier, a veteran of the Civil War, enlisted in Company D, 76th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, November 2, 1861, at Zanesville, Ohio. Appointed Corporal, December 7, 1863; Sergeant, September, 1864. Mustered out with the Company, July 11, 1865. Married in Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 18, 1869, to Catherine Lucretia Umstead, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1848, died August 11, 1916, Coffeyville, Kansas; daughter of Daniel Umstead, born June 14, 1824, in Massillon, Ohio, died April 17, 1889, at Coffeyville, Kansas, and Elizabeth (Keller) Umstead, born September 15, 1828, in Canton, Ohio, died June 3, 1897, Coffeyville, Kansas.]

Alma Zebiah Frazier Ruthrauff is a public spirited woman, interested in Public Welfare Work. Member of the executive board of Woman's Relief Corps, of Coffey-

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ville, Kansas, as Department Senior Aide. They are the parents of four children, as follows:

(a) Ethel May Ruthrauff, born December 26, 1894, Coffeyville, Kansas. Graduate of Coffeyville High School, class of 1915. Married June 30, 1915, to Henry Page Doering, born February, 1893, Coffeyville, Kansas. (Son of Dr. Henry and Nellie Page Doering.) Henry Page and Ethel May (Ruthrauff) Doering have one child, Betty Jane Doering, born 1920, Coffeyville, Kansas.

(b) Cecil Fern Ruthrauff, born July 22, 1897, at Coffeyville, Kansas. Graduated Coffeyville High School, class of 1915. Married December 10, 1917, at Coffeyville, Kansas, to Trent Onez Haggard, born March, 1898, Nashville, Tennessee. Son of Dr. John B. and Maude (Roberts) Haggard. No children.

(c) Ray Russell Ruthrauff, born 1900, Galena, Kansas. Graduated C. H. S. 1918. Associated since then with his father in the Ruthrauff Planing Mill at Coffeyville, Kansas. Married October 24, 1922, at Coffeyville, Kansas, to Helen Elizabeth Kleiss, born 1903, Osawatomie, Kansas. Daughter of John and Lillie (Mathis) Kleiss. No children.

(d) Hazel Marie Ruthrauff, born February 18, 1904, at Coffeyville, Kansas. Graduate of C. H. S., class of 1921; Stevens College, Columbia, Missouri, 1922.

(3) Amy May Ruthrauff, daughter of Hiram and Martha A. (Hollibaugh) Ruthrauff, born Hicksville, Ohio, August 29, 1872. Married Robert J. Kays, of Youngstown, Ohio. No further data of this family.

(4) Frank L. Ruthrauff, youngest son of Hiram and Martha A. (Hollibaugh) Ruthrauff, born Coffeyville,

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Kansas, December 12, 1880; married Anna Belle Gambel, December, 1901, Coffeyville, Kansas. Anna Belle Gambel, born September 4, 1877, Oklahoma. To them three children were born, as follows:

(a) Mildred Frances Ruthrauff, born July 23, 1902, Coffeyville, Kansas. Graduated Independence, Kansas, High School, class of 1922.

(b) Florence May Ruthrauff, born April 8, 1904. Graduated Independence, Kansas, High School, class of 1923.

(c) Thelma O. Ruthrauff, born June 5, 1906, Coffeyville, Kansas. Student of Independence High School.

Frank L. Ruthrauff is foreman of the National Sash and Door Company of Independence, Kansas, and has lived there since 1914. His address is 815 South Street, Independence, Kansas.

(5) William Edward Ruthrauff, son of Hiram and Martha A. (Hollibaugh) Ruthrauff, born August 29, 1874, Hicksville, Ohio. Associated with his brother, James A., in Ruthrauff Brothers' Planing Mill, at Coffeyville, Kansas. He married in 1912, Kansas City, Missouri, Ada Bell Wheeler, born October 6, 1890, St. Louis, Missouri. No children.

This ends the family of Hiram Ruthrauff.

William Ruthrauff, Jr., son of William and Mary (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born April 21, 1849, died 1910, Coffeyville, Kansas. Married Miss Lizzie Boone and they have children as follows:

(1) Flora Ruthrauff.

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(2) Clara Ruthrauff.

(3) Grace Ruthrauff. (No dates.)

ANDREW S. RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Mary (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born December, 1874, died February, 1919, Astoria, Oregon. Was married twice. First wife, Sarah Dunmire, and they had four children, as follows:

(1) Libbie Ruthrauff.

(2) Lizzie Ruthrauff.

(3) Mollie Ruthrauff.

(4) Charles Ruthrauff. (No dates.)

Second wife, Mary Long, and they had seven children, as follows:

(1) Elsie Ruthrauff.

(2) Herbert Ruthrauff.

(3) Jenith Ruthrauff.

(4) Thomas Ruthrauff.

(5) Dennis Ruthrauff.

(6) Edith Ruthrauff.

(7) Mabel Ruthrauff. (No dates.)

Thomas Ruthrauff, a baker by trade, lives in Coffeyville, Kansas. Can give no further information of his family.

AARON DANIEL RUTHRAUFF

Son of William and Mary (Snyder) Ruthrauff, born March 3, 1856, died February 28, 1901, at Coffeyville,

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Kansas. Married Ella Gilland. No date of birth. She died in Coffeyville, 1890. They had one daughter, Jessie Ruthrauff, who died in the year 1916 in Sharon, Pennsylvania. No further record of this family.

This ends the record of William and Mary (Snyder) Ruthrauff's family.

CHAPTER LXII

GEORGE RUDROFF

We find in Rich Fountain, Missouri, a family more recently from Germany. They are farmers and owners of land and fine stock.

George Rudroff, who came to Rich Fountain in his tenth year with his father, was born in Eishig, Germany, June 22, 1830, and died in Rich Fountain, Missouri, May 20, 1899. His wife, Mary Koch, was born September 8, 1828, in Hanover, Germany, and died in Rich Fountain, August 10, 1893. They were the parents of seven children, as follows:

- (1) Annie Rudroff, born 1854.
- (2) Lina Rudroff, born 1857.
- (3) Henry Rudroff, born 1859, died 1920.
- (4) Frank Rudroff, born 1861.
- (5) Maggie Rudroff, born 1864.
- (6) John Rudroff, born 1866, died 1914.
- (7) Peter Rudroff, born 1871.

Of this family we have a record of Frank Rudroff and his family.

FRANK RUDROFF

Son of George and Mary (Koch) Rudroff, born November 30, 1861, Rich Fountain, Missouri. Married Mary Richter of Kansas City, who was born November 18, 1879, and they were parents of nine children, as follows:

- (1) Jose Rudroff, born December 27, 1896.

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- (2) Clara Rudroff, born May 15, 1899.
- (3) Henry Rudroff, born August 15, 1901.
- (4) Anton Rudroff, born December 6, 1903.
- (5) Albert Rudroff, born November 2, 1907.
- (6) Bernard Rudroff, born March 29, 1909.
- (7) Alex Rudroff, born December 24, 1912.
- (8) Katy Rudroff, born December 25, 1915.
- (9) Eward Rudroff, born April 14, 1917.

While this family does not belong to the descendants of Johannes Rudraff, and do not spell their name as we do, but have the original German spelling, they are no doubt a branch of some one of the numerous German branches of the family.

